

STATIVE VERBS

SENSES	OPINION	POSSESSION	OTHERS
hear look ★see★ seem smell sound taste	believe consider hate like love prefer ★think★	belong ★have★ own	agree be depend know mean need realise recognise remember want

"Look at her, she seems so sad."

"A simple man believes everything he hears."

"Do you own this car or does it belong to your Dad?"

"Please, give me my money, I need it now."

★ - verbs have a stative/a non-action and a dynamic/an action meaning

HAVE

stative / non-action verb

only when it means 'to own', 'to possess'.

"I have a car." - possession

dynamic / action verb

with other meanings: having a nap, having a shower, having dinner.

"I'm having a siesta." - action

THINK

stative / non-action verb

when it means 'believe', 'be someone's opinion', 'have an opinion'.

"I think he is great!" - opinion

dynamic / action verb

when it refers to the mental process of thinking or means 'consider' (We are thinking of selling our house.)

"What are you thinking?" - action

SEE

stative / non-action verb

when it means 'see with your eyes'.

"What do you see in this picture?" - see with your eyes

dynamic / action verb

when it means 'meet', 'have an appointment', or 'have a relationship with someone'

"I'm seeing my doctor tomorrow." - have an appointment or a date

TASK 1

- _____ (have) a good time at the moment?
- He _____ (have) a party next weekend.
- I _____ (have) fun today.
- I _____ (not/see) anything, I can't work the telescope?
- I _____ (think) too much about my ex-boyfriend.
- It _____ (be) cold today.

7. Luke _____ (see) the doctor now.
8. My husband _____ (always/taste) the food while I'm cooking! It's very annoying.
9. She _____ (have) a bath every evening.
10. _____ (want) a sandwich?
11. She _____ (have) a headache.
12. She _____ (not/be) a doctor.
13. The chef always _____ (taste) the food before he serves it.
14. The waiter _____ (taste) the wine now.
15. They _____ (not/have) a car.
16. They often _____ (see) a film on Fridays.
17. This cake _____ (taste) funny.
18. This coffee _____ (not/taste) right.
19. We _____ (see) John and Susie next month.
20. What _____ (you/think) about the war?