**Verb Tense Review: Verbs not used in Progressive Form**

Some verbs are not used in the progressive *(-ing)* form. They are called **“STATE”** verbs because they describe states or conditions, not actions. Many **STATE** verbs can be put in 4 groups:

**Emotion**  **Mental Activity Perception Possession**

love think see have

like believe hear own

hate know feel belong

want understand smell

appreciate remember taste

prefer mean seem

**Other Common State Verbs**: be, need, weigh, cost, owe

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| Some **STATE** verbs can also be used to describe actions. In this case, the continuous form of the verb is usually used to distinguish the meaning from the **STATE** meaning. |
| *I think hockey is an exciting sport. I am thinking about this problem now.*  *(opinion) (mental process)*  *This yogurt tastes delicious. He is tasting the yogurt to see if it is okay.*  *(perception) (action)* |

*Decide if the following verbs describe an ACTION or a STATE. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form.*

1. Barbara, your perfume \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(smells) beautiful.
2. Lana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (smell) the milk to see if it is okay.
3. Please be quiet. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(think) about this problem right now.
4. Sherry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(think) we should have a party next weekend.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) her every morning on the bus.
6. Please wait. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(see) a patient right now.
7. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(remember) all the questions from the test.
8. These days, Jack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(like) jazz music a lot.
9. What’s that? I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(hear) a strange noise in the basement.