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| **Action and State Verbs: Overview** | | |
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| **FORM:** | Action Verbs: I’m having a party tonight.  He eats cereal every morning.  State Verbs: I have two sisters.  The flowers smell beautiful. |  |
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| **USE:** | Some verbs are not used in the continuous *(-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 | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *She loves me, but she hates my motorcycle.*  *NOT: She is loving me, but she is hating my motorcycle.*  *They think Montreal is a nice city.*  *NOT: They are thinking Montreal is a nice city.* | |

*Complete the sentences with the SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT PROGRESSIVE form of the verb given.*

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) that the students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(need) more practice with this grammar.

2. Theresa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) now but please call back later. I know she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want)

to talk to you.

3. The kitchen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(smell) wonderful because my mom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cook) dinner.

4. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(study) now because he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not understand) this work.

5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(smell) smoke. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(think) something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(burn).

6. Tony \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be) an actor but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(work) as a waiter right now.