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| **Action and State Verbs: Exceptions** |
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| **FORM:** |  **I have two sisters. I’m having a party.****I think you are nice. Shh! I’m thinking.**  |  |
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| **USE:** | 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.  |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *I think hockey is an exciting sport. I am thinking about this problem now.* *(opinion) (mental process)* *This cake smells delicious. He is smelling the milk to see if it is okay.* *(perception) (action)**He is Chinese. The child is being very quiet.* *(identity) (behaving)* |

*Decide if each verb refers to an ACTION or a STATE, then complete each sentence with the simple present or present continuous tense. In some cases, both tenses may be correct.*

1. My husband \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(think) golf is great, but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hate) the sport.

2. My husband and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(think) about taking a vacation to Mexico next month.

3. The cashier \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(weigh) the fruit to see how much I have to pay.

4. It looks like the children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) a good time playing soccer.

5. I’m sorry. The lawyer is busy right now. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(see) a client.

6. Julie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(taste) her coffee to see if there is enough sugar in it before she drinks it.

7. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(see) what you mean but I disagree.

8. You are a good cook! This chicken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(taste) wonderful.

9. Can you come back in ten minutes? I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) lunch right now.

10. Troy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a car. Maybe he can drive you to school today.

11. The baby is getting big. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(weigh) almost 10 kilograms.

12. Patty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) her own apartment now, so she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) a party tonight