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| **Present Continuous: State Verbs** | |
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| **USE:** | State verbs describe states, situations and conditions that we do not expect to change. They do not describe actions. We therefore do NOT use state verbs in the continuous form. *I* ***know*** *your sister.* **NOT** *I* ***am knowing*** *your sister.*  *Those flowers* ***smell*** *wonderful!* **NOT** *Those flowers* ***are smelling*** *wonderful!*    Here are some examples of state verbs.  **Emotions Mental Activity Wants Senses Ownership**  *like think remember prefer feel smell have*  *love mean forget need taste own*  *hate believe seem want see belong*  *understand know hear* |
|  | **BE CAREFUL!!**  **Think, see have** are used for both states and actions but with different meanings.  *I* ***think*** *you are pretty*. (OPINION) **AND** *I* ***am thinking*** *about him*. (ACTION)  *I* ***see*** *you in the mirror*. (SENSES) **AND** *She* ***is seeing*** *a lawyer*. (DATING)  *I* ***have*** *a cat*. (OWNERSHIP) **AND** *I* ***am having*** *a shower*. (ACTION) |

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| *There are nine mistakes in the dialogue below. Find them and make the corrections.* |

Doug: Look at that dog. It runs after the cat.

Kate: I am liking dogs but I am not liking cats.

Doug: Really? I love cats! I am owning three!

Kate: You are crazy.

Doug: I think cats are funny. Look the cat climbs the tree.

Kate: Smart cat! The dog tries to climb the tree also.

Doug: Dumb dog! It is belonging to my neighbour. I forget his name.

Kate: I am remembering. He is Mr. Fujimori.

Doug: Right! He is having two other dogs as well.