### Stative and dynamic verbs

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| **Zustand:** be, seem, appear ... | **Beispiele:** run, play, make, do ... | be  
You’re annoying. (Charaktereigenschaft)  
You’re being annoying. (Verhalten im Moment) |
| **Sinneswahrnehmung:** smell, taste, see, hear, feel ... | Sue sings every day. / Listen, Sue is singing! | see  
I can see you. (= sehen)  
Ben and Jane have been seeing each other for a year. (= ein Paar sein; sich treffen) |
| **Gefühlszustand:** hate, love, like, fear, mind ... | She often plays chess. She’s playing now. | have  
We have a cat. (= besitzen)  
We’re having breakfast. (= zu sich nehmen) |
| **Besitz:** have, own, possess ... | | taste  
The soup tastes funny. (schmecken)  
The cook is tasting the soup. (probieren) |
| **Wissen, Vermutung, Meinung** think, know, agree mean ... | | smell  
The dog smells bad. (einen Geruch haben)  
The dog is smelling the shoe. (an etw. schnuppern) |
| | | look  
Sue looks pretty. (aussehen)  
Sue is looking at the photo. (etwas ansehen) |
| | | think  
I think you are wrong. (denken, meinen)  
I’m thinking of calling him. (überlegen, etw. zu tun) |
| | | love  
She loves cats. (lieben)  
I’m loving this party! (einen Moment genießen) |
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EXERCISE 2 REVISION: Fill in the verbs in the progressive or the simple form in the present.

a) _____ you _______________ (like) football? – Oh yes, I ________________ (love) it!
b) Sally, you _______________ (look) pale today. _______________ (you, be) ok?
c) Where _______________ (be) the boys? – Oh, they _______________ (play) football outside.
d) What ___________ Jane ________________ (do) at the moment? – She _______________ (look) at some old photographs.
e) Peter ___________________ (not know) Bob.
f) Listen, my brother _______________ (play) the piano! – Yes, I _______________ (hear) him play.
g) Can we stop, please? I __________________ (get) tired.
h) Dennis usually _______________ (go) to school by bus, but today he _______________ (go) by bike.
i) I _______________ (be) worried about dad. Since he got promoted, he’s been in his office all the time. I think he _______________ (work) too hard.
j) Can you give this CD to Amy? – Yes, sure. I _______________ (meet) her at school tomorrow.
k) In his article the author _______________ (talk) about the problems of immigrants.

EXERCISE 3 REVISION: Fill in the verbs in the progressive or the simple form in the right past tense. Underline the signal words.

a) Yesterday Bob ___________________ (come) home late. When I _______________ (see) him, he _______________ (carry) a heavy box.
b) Mum _______________ (work) in the kitchen since 3 o’clock. We should help her; she _______________ (must) be tired.
c) ______________ you ______________ (finish) reading the book yet? – No, I __________. I only ______________ (buy) it yesterday.
d) After they ______________ (play) outside all day, the kids soon fell asleep.
e) I ______________ (call) you at 4pm yesterday. Why ______________ (not answer)? – Oh, I ______________ (take) a shower at 4.
f) You look great in that dress! – Thanks, I ______________ (just, buy) it!
g) Where ___________ (be) you on 9/11? – I ______________ (wash) the dishes.

EXERCISE 4 These verbs can be stative or dynamic. Fill in the verb in the simple or progressive form in the right tense.

HAVE
a) What can I get you? – I ______________ the barbecue sandwich.
b) __________ you got a dog?
c) In 1999 they ______________ a lot of problems.
d) We ______________ breakfast when the doorbell rang.

SEE
a) I ______________ the ocean from my bedroom window.
b) Bill and Jenny make a great couple. How long ______________ (they / see) each other?
c) Is Joe at school? – Yes, I ______________ him a few minutes ago.

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a) I’m against legalizing drugs. I ______________ it’s a bad idea.
b) Peter ______________ (think) he would get into trouble.
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MEAN
a) I ______________ to talk to her for a long time, but I never got the chance.
b) What ______________ this word ______________?
c) Don’t be mad at George. You know he ______________ (not mean) it when he said you were irresponsible. He was just upset.
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a) I hate working with Josh; he _________________ such an unreasonable person.
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