

RULE OF THUMB:

Is it an ACTION? → Continuous (-ing) is often possible. ✓

Is it a STATE? → Use a simple tense. X No -ing

Exercise 1: Active or Stative? Complete the Sentences

Instructions: Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Decide whether you should use the **Simple Present** or the **Present Continuous**.

1. I _____ (know) the answer to this question.
2. Sarah _____ (study) for her English test right now.
3. We _____ (have) dinner at a new restaurant this evening.
4. This coffee _____ (taste) delicious.
5. The baby _____ (sleep) upstairs at the moment.
6. I _____ (think) you're absolutely right.
7. He _____ (think) about applying for a new job.
8. My brother _____ (own) a small business in Toronto.
9. The mechanic _____ (look) under the car.
10. You _____ (look) tired today.
11. The children _____ (play) in the backyard.
12. This jacket _____ (fit) me perfectly.
13. The tailor _____ (measure) the customer's jacket.
14. The dog _____ (smell) the flowers in the garden.
15. These flowers _____ (smell) wonderful.
16. I _____ (see) what you mean.
17. We _____ (see) our grandparents this weekend.
18. She _____ (love) reading mystery novels.
19. They _____ (have) a meeting with the manager right now.
20. Tom _____ (be) unusually quiet today.

Exercise: Find and Correct the Mistakes

Instructions: Each sentence contains **one grammar mistake** related to **active and stative verbs**. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. I am believing everything you say.

2. This soup is tasting too salty today.

3. She is owning a beautiful cottage near the lake.

4. We are understanding the teacher's explanation now.

5. My parents are having three children.

6. I am needing your help with this assignment.

7. This box is containing old family photographs.

8. They are seeming very happy about the news.

9. The answer is depending on the information you provide.

10. He is remembering her phone number.

11. I am forgetting where I parked my car.

12.The coffee is smelling delicious from the kitchen.

13.That backpack is belonging to my brother.

14.She is preferring tea to coffee.

15.The cake is weighing two kilograms.

16.I am recognizing that man from somewhere.

17.This recipe is including fresh basil and garlic.

18.The apartment is costing too much money.

19.My grandmother is loving classical music.

20.These shoes are fitting me perfectly.

Exercise: Correct or Incorrect?

Instructions: Read each sentence carefully.

- ✓ If the sentence is **correct**, write **Correct**.
- ✗ If the sentence is **incorrect**, rewrite it correctly.

1. I know the answer to your question.

2. She is owning a small bakery in Vancouver.

3. We are having lunch at a café right now.

4. This cake is tasting delicious.

5. He thinks English is difficult.

6. I'm thinking about taking an online course.

7. The flowers are smelling wonderful this morning.

8. My grandparents have a cottage by the lake.

9. Sarah is seeing her dentist next Tuesday.

10. I am understanding everything in today's lesson.

11. The children are being unusually quiet today.

12. This jacket fits you perfectly.

13. We are needing more volunteers for the event.

14. The chef is tasting the sauce before serving it.

15. I am remembering where we met.

16. The soup smells fantastic.

17. She is looking for her passport.

18. This wallet is belonging to me.

19. I love living in Canada.

20. They are having a great time on vacation.
