

C1 Grammar Lesson – Static or Dynamic?**◆ 1. Understanding the Concept**

At **C1 level**, it's not enough to know whether a verb is *stative* or *dynamic* — you must also choose the **correct tense and aspect** to express time, duration, and meaning accurately.

Key idea:

Some verbs can shift from *stative* to *dynamic* depending on **how** they're used in context.

 **Compare the meanings:**

Verb	Static Meaning	Dynamic Meaning
think	believe, have an opinion – “I think it’s true.”	consider, plan – “I’m thinking about it.”
see	understand – “I see what you mean.”	meet/visit – “I’m seeing the doctor tomorrow.”
have	own/possess – “I have a car.”	experience/do – “I’m having lunch.”
be	general quality – “She is nice.”	temporary behaviour – “She’s being rude.”
look	appear/seem – “You look tired.”	use your eyes – “You’re looking at me.”
taste	describe flavour – “The soup tastes great.”	test flavour – “She’s tasting the soup.”

◆ 2. Grammar Focus: Choosing the Right Form

Time	Static Use	Dynamic Use
Present Simple	“I think you’re right.”	“I work every day.”
Present Continuous (rare)	“You’re being silly.”	“I’m working right now.”
Past Simple	“I knew the answer.”	“I walked home.”
Past Continuous	—	“I was thinking about you.”
Perfect Aspect	“I’ve known her for years.”	“I’ve been working here since 2020.”
Future Forms	“I’ll be there.”	“I’ll be working late tomorrow.”

Tip:

Use **continuous** and **perfect continuous** forms for **actions in progress, temporary situations, or ongoing experiences** — but never with verbs that describe **states of mind or possession**.

◆ **3. Practice A – Identify the Meaning**

Write **S** (Static) or **D** (Dynamic).

1. I'm having a wonderful time. ____
2. I have two dogs. ____
3. I think this is unfair. ____
4. I'm thinking about changing jobs. ____
5. She's being very patient today. ____
6. She is usually very patient. ____
7. This soup tastes strange. ____
8. She's tasting the soup. ____

 **Answers:**1 D 2 S 3 S 4 D 5 D 6 S 7 S 8 D

◆ 4. Practice B – Complete the Sentences

Choose the correct verb form.

1. I _____ (see) the dentist tomorrow at 3.
2. We _____ (look) for a new flat since June.
3. She _____ (be) really helpful this week.
4. I _____ (know) him for ten years.
5. They _____ (have) dinner when I called.
6. I _____ (think) this song is amazing.
7. He _____ (appear) in a play next month.
8. By 2030, people _____ (work) from home for over a decade.

 **Answers:**1 am seeing 2 have been looking 3 has been 4 have known 5 were having 6 think 7 is appearing 8 will have been working

◆ 5. Practice C – Write Your Own

Write one example where each verb changes meaning depending on tense/aspect.

Verb Static Sentence Dynamic Sentence**think****have****see****be****taste**