

STATIVE & DYNAMIC VERBS

PRACTICE

EXERCISE 1. Put the verbs in brackets into the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 A: ...*Do you know*... (you/know) that man over there?
B: Actually, I do. He's Muriel's husband.
- 2 A: Are you doing anything tomorrow evening?
B: Yes. I (see) Jack at nine o'clock.
- 3 A: I (see) you're feeling better.
B: Yes, I am, thank you.
- 4 A: What's that noise?
B: The people next door (have) a party.
- 5 A: Graham (have) a new computer.
B: I know. I've already seen it.
- 6 A: This dress (not/fit) me any more.
B: Why don't you buy a new one?
- 7 A: Your perfume (smell) nice. What is it?
B: It's a new perfume called Sunshine.
- 8 A: What is Jane doing?
B: She (smell) the flowers in the garden.
- 9 A: What (you/look) at?
B: Some photos I took during my holidays. They aren't very good, though.
- 10 A: You (look) very pretty today.
B: Thank you. I've just had my hair cut.
- 11 A: I (think) we're being followed.
B: Don't be silly! It's just your imagination.
- 12 A: Is anything wrong?
B: No. I (just/think) about the party tonight.
- 13 A: This fabric (feel) like silk.
B: It is silk, and it was very expensive.
- 14 A: What are you doing?
B: I (feel) the radiator to see if it's getting warm.
- 15 A: She (be) generous, isn't she?
B: Yes, she has never been a mean person.
- 16 A: He (be) very quiet today, isn't he?
B: Yes, I think he has some problems.
- 17 A: Would you like some cherries?
B: Yes, please. I (love) cherries. They're my favourite fruit.
- 18 A: I'm sorry, but I (not understand) what you mean.
B: Shall I explain it again?
- 19 A: The children are making lots of noise today.
B: I know, but they (have) fun.
- 20 A: This cake (taste) awful.
B: I think I forgot to put the sugar in it!

EXERCISE 2. Choose the correct alternative.

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Subject: Hi from Canada

Hi Kai

(1) I'm having / ~~I have~~ a great time here in Canada. My MSc course (2) isn't starting / doesn't start until next month, so (3) I'm making / I make use of the time to get to know the place. (4) I'm staying / I stay near Vancouver with Ryan, my Canadian cousin. He and his brother Glen (5) are owning / own a software business. In the evenings (6) we're driving / we drive into the city and go clubbing or see a movie. (7) I'm making / I make a lot of new friends. (8) I'm thinking / I think my pronunciation is much better already, and (9) I'm understanding / I understand almost everything. On weekdays (10) I'm helping / I help Glen. At the moment (11) he's working / he works on their new website and (12) he's needing / he needs help with it. (13) I'm learning / I learn some useful stuff about how people (14) are doing / do business in this country. (15) Do you come / Are you coming to see me? (16) I'm spending / I spend the winter holiday skiing with Ryan and Glen. (17) They're wanting / They want to meet you and there's plenty of space. You must bring lots of warm clothes because (18) it's getting / it gets really cold here in the winter. Let me know as soon as (19) you're deciding / you decide. And tell me what (20) you're doing / you do these days.

See you in December, I hope.

Pedro