We can use the **Present Simple** to talk about

* Everyday or habitual actions
* Permanent states
* General truths
* Timetables

We can use the **Present Progressive** to talk about

* Actions happening at the moment of speaking or temporary actions
* Arrangements for the near future
* Developing/changing situations
* Habitual actions that surprise or annoy us (with **always,forever,constantly**)

**Stative Verbs** are verbs that express a state or a condition rather than an action and are not used in continuous forms as a rule.

**Stative verbs often relate to:**

* **thoughts and opinions:** agree, believe, doubt, guess, imagine, know, mean, recognise, remember, suspect, think, understand.
* **feelings and emotions**: dislike, hate, like, love, prefer, want, wish.
* **senses and perceptions**: appear, be, feel, hear, look, see, seem, smell, taste.
* **possession**: have, own ,possess, belong
* **amounts :** weigh, cost , measure ,equal

**Note:Some stative verbs can be used in the continuous form, but with a change of meaning. Have a look at the following pairs of sentences:**

1. This soup \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ delicious.

The dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its food. Look ow funny he looks! [smell}

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a doctor tomorrow for my headaches.

Now I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what you mean! [see]

1. Your outfit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ great!!!

The students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the blackboard because the teacher is solving an equation. [look]

1. Colin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a Mercedes.

We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lunch at the moment. [have]

**Complete the sentences with the correct form (present simple or progressive) of the verbs.**

**A. -**Who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ? (phone)

- Jo. The film \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) in five minutes.

He never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) on time.

- What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the film? (do)

* + - We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a pizza. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to join us? (want)
    - Yes,I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (love) pizza.But the last bus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) at 10:30.I mustn’t miss it.

**B.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John tonight. We are going to the cinema. (see)

2. That hoody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cool. Where did you buy it? (look)

3. Matthew usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ jeans at school but today he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trousers. (wear)

4. I can’t understand this film. What language \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?(they ,speak)

5. She is a surgeon and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our local hospital.(work)

6. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my laptop when I need it .Can’t you buy your own?

(always , use)

7. At the moment I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my flat so I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

with my parents. (renovate , stay)

8. Your shirt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ really smooth. Is it velvet? (feel)

9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sauce to see if it needs more salt. (taste)

10. At what temperature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a gas to a liquid?

(oxygen, change)