Stative and Dynamic Verbs Worksheet: Think, Have, See

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Remember

Form	Example
State verbs (know, believe, like, want, own, seem) → simple forms	I know him. (not I'm knowing him)
think: opinion (state) vs mental process (action)	I think it's true. I'm thinking about moving.
have: possession (state) vs activity (action)	She has two cats. She's having a bath.
see / taste / smell / be: state vs action	This soup tastes great. I'm tasting the soup.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
I'm knowing the answer.	I know the answer.
This book is belonging to me.	This book belongs to me.
I think about moving to Spain. (now, considering)	I'm thinking about moving to Spain.

1. Complete

Complete with the present simple or present continuous of the verb in brackets.

1. I _____ (not / understand) this question.
2. We _____ (have) dinner. Can I call you back?
3. This bag _____ (belong) to my sister.
4. What _____ you _____ (think) about? You look worried.
5. The soup _____ (smell) delicious.
6. I _____ (see) the dentist at four. It's booked.
7. She _____ (want) a new job.
8. He _____ (be) very rude today. That's not like him.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. I (think / am thinking) you're right.
2. They (have / are having) a great time at the beach.
3. This coat (costs / is costing) €200.
4. I (love / am loving) this song.
5. Why (do you smell / are you smelling) the milk? Is it bad?
6. She (seems / is seeming) tired.
7. I (see / am seeing) what you mean.
8. We (own / are owning) a small flat in town.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. I am believing you.

2. She is having two brothers.

3. Do you think of buying a new car? (considering now)

4. This cake is tasting amazing.

5. I'm not remembering his name.

6. He has a shower at the moment.

Writing

Write 6–7 sentences about what is happening in your life now and how you feel about it. Use think, have, see and at least three other state verbs.

Speaking

- What are you thinking about doing this year?
- Who are you seeing this week?
- What do you think about working from home?
- What smells or tastes remind you of your childhood?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 don't understand · 2 are having · 3 belongs · 4 are … thinking · 5 smells · 6 am seeing · 7 wants · 8 is being

2. Choose: 1 think · 2 are having · 3 costs · 4 love · 5 are you smelling · 6 seems · 7 see · 8 own

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 I believe you. · 2 She has two brothers. · 3 Are you thinking of buying a new car? · 4 This cake tastes amazing. · 5 I don't remember his name. · 6 He is having a shower at the moment.

Writing, model answer: At the moment I'm having a very busy month at work. I'm seeing a lot of new clients and I'm thinking about asking for a promotion. I think I deserve it, but I don't know if my boss agrees. I really love my team and I believe we work well together. I'm having dinner with my manager on Friday. I hope she sees things the same way.