**STATIVE VS. DYNAMIC VERBS**

**STATIVE VERBS**
(Present simple form)
Indicate a state of being and not an activity
- feelings: love, hate
- thinking/believing: think, suppose, expect
- wants and preferences: want, need, prefer
- perceptions and the senses: look, smell
- possession: have, own, belong
- being/seeming: be, seem, appear

**DYNAMIC VERBS**
(Present continuous from)
Indicate activities
  e.g. drive, watch, listen

Some verbs which are normally stative verbs can become dynamic verbs with some change in meaning:

- I hope to see you this weekend (express a wish)
  - I’m hoping to see you this weekend. (quite a common use. In the continuous form, hope becomes more of a deliberate action now in progress.)

- I think it’s a good idea. (express an opinion)
  - You’re very quiet. What are you thinking about? (question about the activity of thinking)

- He’s a very foolish person. (description of something about his character)
  - He’s being very foolish. (description of how he’s acting/behaving at the moment)

- This wine tastes good. (describing the effect on one of the senses)
  - Amy is tasting the wine to see if it’s all right. (describing the activity of tasting)

Complete the gaps using the verbs from the box. Each verb is used once as a stative and once as a dynamic verb. Put the verbs into the appropriate present simple or present continuous form.

1. How much …..you……..? About 60 kilos.
2. We…………………….dinner at the moment so I’ll phone you back in half an hour if that’s O.K.
3. Harry’s been in his room for ages. He …………………..at all his old photographs.
4. I really………………….. Helen. She’s an excellent manager.
5. Penelope Fitzgerald ……………….. in a new production of Oliver in London’s West End.
6. I’m quite happy for your children to come to the party because I know they …………………….. very well-behaved.
7. The snake in this picture…………………..the forces of evil.
8. They don’t really like living here. They…………………..of moving.
9. ……….. you …………..that man over there with the grey suit on? He’s my brother.
10. I’m really looking forward to this holiday. The hotel…………..lovely in the photographs.
11. I can’t come out tonight because I……….. Paul.
12. I’ll do it if I can, but I…………… not ……………… much time today.
13. What ………… you………….. Of the management’s new proposals?
14. ‘Where’s the baby?’ ‘They………………..her. Look, there she is on the scales.’
15. I haven’t spoken to him much but he……………….. to be a very nice man.
16. Look at Nick out in the garden. He………………….. really nice with the younger children.
17. So Peter’s still not here. I…………………he’s forgotten about the meeting.
18. ‘I hope you’ve got a good lawyer’. ‘Yes, Alison Medley………………….me at the trial. She’s the best lawyer in town’