

Here is an additional list of **non-continuous stative verbs** with examples that reflect situations happening at the time of speaking. Each correct sentence is followed by an example of a common mistake.

1. Verbs of Possession:

These verbs describe ownership or possession, even if the possession is relevant to the current moment.

- **Have:** *I **have** my keys with me right now.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am having** my keys with me right now.*
- **Own:** *She **owns** a house in the city.*
 - Incorrect: *She **is owning** a house in the city.*
- **Possess:** *At this moment, they **possess** valuable information.*
 - Incorrect: *They **are possessing** valuable information.*
- **Belong:** *This jacket **belongs** to my brother right now.*
 - Incorrect: *This jacket **is belonging** to my brother.*

2. Verbs of Perception (Senses):

These verbs describe sensory perceptions that are happening now but should still be expressed in the simple present.

•**See:** *I **see** a beautiful sunset right now.*

- Incorrect: *I **am seeing** a beautiful sunset right now.*

•**Hear:** *We **hear** music coming from the concert next door.*

- Incorrect: *We **are hearing** music coming from the concert next door.*

•**Smell:** *The food **smells** delicious at this moment.*

- Incorrect: *The food **is smelling** delicious right now.*

•**Taste:** *This soup **tastes** amazing as I eat it.*

- Incorrect: *This soup **is tasting** amazing.*

•**Feel:** *This blanket **feels** really soft right now.*

- Incorrect: *This blanket **is feeling** really soft.*

3. Verbs of Emotion:

These verbs describe emotions and feelings that are experienced at the time of speaking but should not be used in the continuous form.

- **Love:** *At this moment, I **love** how the movie is progressing.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am loving** how the movie is progressing.* (Though informally, "I'm loving it" is commonly used, especially in marketing, it is still technically incorrect.)
- **Hate:** *Right now, I **hate** waiting in long lines.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am hating** waiting in long lines.*
- **Like:** *I **like** this song that's playing right now.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am liking** this song that's playing.*
- **Dislike:** *He **dislikes** the cold weather that we're experiencing right now.*
 - Incorrect: *He **is disliking** the cold weather.*
- **Prefer:** *At the moment, I **prefer** staying indoors.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am preferring** staying indoors.*
- **Want:** *I **want** some coffee right now.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am wanting** some coffee right now.*
- **Need:** *At this moment, we **need** more chairs for everyone.*
 - Incorrect: *We **are needing** more chairs for everyone.*

4. Verbs of Mental States:

These describe current thoughts, beliefs, and understanding. Even when talking about the present moment, they shouldn't be used in continuous tense.

- **Know:** *I **know** the answer to the question you just asked.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am knowing** the answer.*
- **Understand:** *Right now, I **understand** what you're explaining.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am understanding** what you're explaining.*
- **Believe:** *At this moment, she **believes** he's telling the truth.*
 - Incorrect: *She **is believing** he's telling the truth.*
- **Remember:** *I **remember** where I put my keys just now.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am remembering** where I put my keys.*
- **Forget:** *He **forgets** his umbrella at home every time it rains.*
 - Incorrect: *He **is forgetting** his umbrella at home.*
- **Realize:** *I **realize** now that I made a mistake.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am realizing** that I made a mistake.*
- **Think:** *I **think** this is the best option right now.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am thinking** this is the best option.* (Though "thinking" can be used in continuous form when describing a mental process, not opinion: "I am thinking about the plan.")
- **Suppose:** *I **suppose** this is the best solution right now.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am supposing** this is the best solution.*
- **Mean:** *What do you **mean** by that at this moment?*
 - Incorrect: *What do you **are meaning** by that?*

5. Verbs of Relationships and Description:

These describe current relationships or characteristics, but remain in the simple present.

- **Belong:** *This pen **belongs** to me right now.*
 - Incorrect: *This pen **is belonging** to me.*
- **Include:** *The event **includes** several activities happening at the moment.*
 - Incorrect: *The event **is including** several activities.*
- **Involve:** *This project **involves** a lot of teamwork, especially right now.*
 - Incorrect: *This project **is involving** a lot of teamwork.*
- **Consist:** *The plan **consists** of three major steps, even as we work through it now.*
 - Incorrect: *The plan **is consisting** of three major steps.*
- **Contain:** *The box **contains** fragile items at the moment.*
 - Incorrect: *The box **is containing** fragile items.*
- **Resemble:** *He **resembles** his father right now with that expression.*
 - Incorrect: *He **is resembling** his father right now.*
- **Seem:** *It **seems** like we're running late at the moment.*
 - Incorrect: *It **is seeming** like we're running late.*
- **Appear:** *Right now, he **appears** to be tired.*
 - Incorrect: *He **is appearing** to be tired.*

6. Verbs of Existence and Being:

These refer to states of existence and being, and even when happening now, they are not used in continuous tense.

- **Be:** *She **is** very excited right now.* (Permanent state)
 - Incorrect: *She **is being** very excited right now.*
- **Exist:** *The problem **exists** even as we speak.*
 - Incorrect: *The problem **is existing**.*
- **Matter:** *It **doesn't matter** what you say at the moment.*
 - Incorrect: *It **is not mattering** what you say.*
- **Cost:** *This phone **costs** \$500 right now.*
 - Incorrect: *This phone **is costing** \$500.*
- **Owe:** *At this moment, I **owe** you an explanation.*
 - Incorrect: *I **am owing** you an explanation.*

More Common Mistakes:

1.Want: *I **am wanting** to go outside.*

1. Correct: *I **want** to go outside.*

2.Like: *He **is liking** the movie so far.*

2. Correct: *He **likes** the movie so far.*

3.Believe: *They **are believing** that hard work pays off.*

3. Correct: *They **believe** that hard work pays off.*

4.Understand: *She **is understanding** the lesson now.*

4. Correct: *She **understands** the lesson now.*

The key point is that these verbs describe conditions or states that remain the same, even if they are relevant to the present moment, and thus aren't used in the continuous tense.