

TALKING ABOUT PRESENT:

I Heart English 2

Practice Task: Active and Stative Verbs



(Answer key at the end of the document.)

Exercise 1: Gap Fill (Fill in the blanks)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Choose between simple present and present continuous based on whether the verb is stative or active.

1. Right now, I _____ (have) a lot of homework to finish.
 2. She _____ (seem) tired after the long day at work.
 3. We _____ (eat) dinner together at this moment.
 4. This perfume _____ (smell) amazing!
 5. They _____ (study) for their exams right now.
 6. The children _____ (play) outside in the yard right now.
 7. He _____ (belong) to the soccer club in our town.
 8. I _____ (think) this is the best option right now.
 9. She _____ (own) a house in the countryside.
 10. He _____ (talk) to his friends on the phone right now.
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Exercise 2: Multiple Choice (Choose the correct form)

Select the correct verb form to complete each sentence. Pay attention to whether the verb is stative or active.

1. Right now, the soup (a) tastes / (b) is tasting delicious.
 2. They (a) see / (b) are seeing a rainbow outside at the moment.
 3. He (a) owns / (b) is owning that beautiful car parked outside.
 4. She (a) is thinking / (b) thinks about her future plans as we speak.
 5. We (a) have / (b) are having a meeting at this very moment.
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Exercise 3: Sentence Correction

Each sentence contains a mistake. Identify the mistake, then rewrite the sentence using the correct verb form.

1. *He is seeming very happy with the results of the game right now.*
Correction: _____
2. *We are having a new car right now.*
Correction: _____

3. *This cake is tasting amazing as I eat it.*
Correction: _____
4. *They are belonging to the local football team.*
Correction: _____
5. *She is possessing a great sense of humor right now.*
Correction: _____
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Exercise 4: Matching Pairs

Match the correct verb form with the situation described. Draw lines to match the sentence on the left to the correct verb form on the right.

1. Right now, she _____ very nervous about the exam.
a. *is looking*
b. *is being*
c. *looks*
2. I _____ a strange sound outside my window at the moment.
a. *hear*
b. *am hearing*
c. *listening*
3. At this moment, the coffee _____ delicious.
a. *tastes*
b. *is tasting*
c. *feeling*
4. She _____ her best friend a birthday present right now.
a. *gives*
b. *is giving*
c. *gived*
5. Right now, the house _____ to my uncle.
a. *belongs*
b. *is belonging*
c. *have belonged*
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Exercise 5: Complete the Dialogue

In the following conversation, fill in the blanks with either the simple present or present continuous form of the verbs in parentheses. Decide if the verb is stative or active.

Tom: Hi Sarah, what _____ (you/do) right now?

Sarah: Hey Tom, I _____ (work) on my project. How about you?

Tom: I _____ (sit) in a café and _____ (enjoy) a cup of coffee. It _____ (taste) so good!

Sarah: That sounds nice! I _____ (think) I might go out for coffee later, but I _____ (need) to finish this project first.

Tom: I understand. By the way, this café _____ (belong) to my cousin!

Sarah: Really? That's cool. I didn't know your family _____ (own) a café.

Exercise 6: True or False

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If false, correct the sentence.

1. *Right now, the food is smelling wonderful.*

True/False: _____

Correction: _____

2. *They are owning a beautiful house in the countryside.*

True/False: _____

Correction: _____

3. *At the moment, we are seeing a movie in the theater.*

True/False: _____

Correction: _____

4. *She is having a lot of free time this afternoon.*

True/False: _____

Correction: _____

5. *The book belongs to me right now.*

True/False: _____

Correction: _____

Exercise 7: Create Your Own Sentences

Write three sentences using stative verbs to describe situations happening right now and three sentences using action verbs. Pay attention to the correct use of simple present or present continuous tense.

- **Stative Verb Sentences:**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- **Action Verb Sentences:**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Answer Key (For Self-Check)

- Exercise 1 (Gap Fill):
 1. have, 2. seems, 3. are eating, 4. smells, 5. are studying, 6. are playing, 7. belongs, 8. think, 9. owns, 10. is talking.
- Exercise 2 (Multiple Choice):
 1. a, 2. a, 3. a, 4. b, 5. a.
- Exercise 3 (Sentence Correction):
 1. *He seems very happy with the results of the game right now.*
 2. *We have a new car right now.*
 3. *This cake tastes amazing as I eat it.*
 4. *They belong to the local football team.*
 5. *She possesses a great sense of humor.*
- Exercise 4 (Matching Pairs): 1 → c, 2 → a, 3 → a, 4 → b, 5 → a.
- Exercise 5 (Complete the Dialogue):
 1. are you doing, 2. am working, 3. am sitting, 4. enjoying, 5. tastes, 6. think, 7. need, 8. belongs, 9. own.
- Exercise 6 (True or False):
 1. False → *Right now, the food smells wonderful.*
 2. False → *They own a beautiful house in the countryside.*
 3. True.
 4. False → *She has a lot of free time this afternoon.*
 5. True.