

Stative (or State) Verb List = normally NO -ing

like	know	belong
love	realise	fit
hate	suppose	contain
want	mean	consist
need	understand	seem
prefer	believe	depend
agree	remember	matter
mind	recognise	see
own	appear	look (=seem)
sound	taste	smell
hear	astonish	deny
disagree	please	impress
satisfy	promise	surprise
wish	imagine	concern
dislike	be	have
deserve	involve	include
lack	measure (=have length etc)	possess
owe	weigh (=have weight)	

A verb which isn't stative is called a dynamic verb, and is usually an action = **-ing**.

For example: I have been waiting since 14.00.

Some verbs can be both stative and dynamic:

Be

be is usually a stative verb, but when it is used in the continuous it means 'behaving' or 'acting'

- ❑ you are stupid = it's part of your personality
- ❑ you are being stupid = only now, not usually

Think

- ❑ think (stative) = have an opinion
I think that coffee is great
- ❑ think (dynamic) = consider, have in my head
what are you thinking about? I'm thinking about my next holiday

Have

- ❑ have (stative) = own
I have a car
- ❑ have (dynamic) = part of an expression
I'm having a party / a picnic / a bath / a good time / a break

See

- ❑ see (stative) = see with your eyes / understand
I see what you mean
I have seen her today.
- ❑ see (dynamic) = meet / have a relationship with
I've been seeing my girlfriend for three years