

## GRAMMAR: Stative Verbs Exercise (1)

Circle the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- (a) Right now they (think, are thinking) about buying a new car.
- (b) Pete (has been knowing, has known) Jane for many years.
- (c) She told me that she (had always loved, had always been loving) the theatre.
- (d) It (is depending, depends) on what the weather (is being, is) like on the weekend.
- (e) Pierre (has owned, has been owning) that car for over ten years.
- (f) Mary (saw, was seeing) Freddie for the first time in a club in Greenwich Village.
- (g) Gerry (was tasting, tasted) the wine when suddenly the fire alarm went off in the restaurant. He spilled wine all over his shirt.
- (h) The roses (smelled, were smelling) lovely in your garden last summer.
- (i) Shirley (is having, has) a difficult time right now.
- (j) It (looks, is looking) as if it might rain.
- (k) I (am thinking, think) that I should look for a new job.
- (l) The thief looked into his rear-view mirror and (was realizing, realized) that he (was being, was) followed by a police car.
- (m) Tim (is loving, loves) donuts, but he still (weighs, is weighing) less than a hundred pounds.
- (n) Susan (has wanted, has been wanting) to marry Harry ever since she first (saw, was seeing) him.
- (o) I (look, am looking) for my grammar book. Do you know where it is?
- (p) I am not sure what the word "serendipity" (is meaning, means).
- (q) The Director (is feeling, feels) that the policy is wrong.
- (r) He (seemed, was seeming) nervous when I asked him that question.
- (s) Céline Dion (appears, is appearing) in a movie this fall.
- (t) I (am believing, believe) that she (was just being, was just) silly when she said that. She didn't mean it.
- (u) They (had had, had been having) that house for thirty years when they sold it.
- (v) Lionel (was being, was) crazy as a teenager.

## GRAMMAR: Stative Verbs Exercise (2)

Circle the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- (a) Ron and Mary (see, are seeing) each other now. They have been dating for two weeks.
- (b) Pete (has been belonging, has belonged) to the club for ten years.
- (c) I (am liking, like) pizza more than any other type of fast food.
- (d) My dad (has weighed, has been weighing) 165 lbs. since he was seventeen.
- (e) Brad Pitt (is appearing, appears) in a new movie right now.
- (f) The German word "Hund" (means, is meaning) "dog" in English.
- (g) I (was hopeful, was being hopeful) at the beginning of the season, but now I (am not thinking, don't think) that the Toronto Maple Leafs will win the Stanley Cup.
- (h) She started reading the Bible a few weeks ago, and now she says that she (believes, is believing) in God.
- (i) Right now the teacher (is thinking, thinks) about the course material for the next class.
- (j) While Frank (was, was being) in Florida, he met his ex-wife.
- (k) We (were having, had) lunch on the picnic table in the backyard when the rain started.
- (l) I (have always disliked, have always been disliking) westerns and action movies.
- (m) Bob (has been wanting, has wanted) a new car for a long time.
- (n) The earth (has existed, has been existing) for billions of years.
- (o) I (am needing, need) another vacation.
- (p) Descartes (was even doubting, even doubted) the fundamental truths of mathematics before he discovered the metaphysical truth that he expressed by saying, "I think, therefore I (am being, am)."
- (q) I (know, am knowing) the man to whom you are referring.
- (r) This fabric (is feeling, feels) very smooth and soft.
- (s) Right now he (feels, is feeling) that way, but he will change his mind soon.
- (t) I (don't see, am not seeing) what you mean.
- (u) How much (does he weigh, is he weighing)? About 85 kilos?