

Present simple tense (states with states verbs)

Wants & likes	Like, dislike , love , hate , prefer , need , want , wish
Thought & opinion	Think , remember , forget , know , believe , imagine
Senses	See , hear , smell, taste , feel
Appearance	Seem , look , look like , appear ,resemble , sound
Possession & relation	Have , own , belong , possess
Other state verbs	Cost , depend ,include , involve ,contain

Since these verbs are state verbs, it's very important to remember that we don't use -ing forms with these.

Exercise: In the following sentence, make corrections where necessary.

1-I have two brothers. (Correct /state verb)

2-Tanya works as a nurse in a hospital. (Correct /permanent situation)

3-I'm always getting up at 7..... (wrong /I always get up at 7)/ Habit /routine

4-Can you be quiet, please? We read. (Wrong / we are reading / it's happening now so we use present continuous).

5-Jason is very busy today .He's working on an important report. (Correct /because this is a temporary situation not a permanent situation)

6-I'm not understanding what you are saying. (Wrong /I don't understand. because understand is a state verb .it's a verb express mental state.)

7-Do you think it rains outside ? (Wrong /because the question is about something happening now, at this moment. Do you think it's raining outside?)

8-Ali eats out once a week. (Correct / habit /routine)

9-My grandparents are living in India. (Wrong /my grandparents live in India)

10-The word huge is meaning very big. (Wrong /the word huge means very big) because this is a fact, so you can't use the continuous form here.