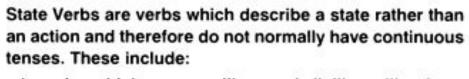


Select the incorrect word or phrase in each sentence. I've already / yet / just met him. He seems like a nice person. 2 I'm not looking at any of my emails this week / at the moment / all the time. I'm on holiday. We already / always / usually have a good time when we get together. 4 I haven't seen him online for a long time / lately / at the moment. 5 I chat on Skype with my friends who are abroad every week / now / all the time. Because of my new job, I'm meeting a lot of new people every time / these days / nowadays.





- a) verbs which express likes and dislikes: like, love, dislike, hate, enjoy, prefer, adore, etc. e.g. I love chocolate ice cream.
- b) verbs of the senses: see, hear, smell, taste, feel, look, sound. We often use can or could with these verbs when we refer to what we see, hear, etc. at the moment of speaking. e.g. Jim must be at home. I can see his car parked outside.
- c) verbs of perception: know, believe, understand, realise, remember, forget, notice, recognise, think, seem, see (=understand), expect (=think), etc. e.g. | expect they will be late.
- d) some other verbs such as be, contain, include, belong, fit, need, matter, cost, mean, own, want, owe, have (=possess), require, weigh, wish, keep (=continue), etc. e.g. My uncle owns a hotel.

Some of the above verbs are used in continuous tenses when they describe actions and not states. Study the following examples:

- 1 I think he's lying. (= believe)
  I'm thinking about the plan. (= am considering)
- 2 The food tastes delicious. (= has a delicious flavour) He is tasting the food. (= is testing the flavour of)
- 3 I can see some people. (= perceive with my eyes)
  I see what you mean. (= understand)
  I'm seeing my doctor tomorrow. (= am meeting)
- 4 It looks as if they've finished the job. (= appears) Mike is looking out of the window. (is directing his eyes)

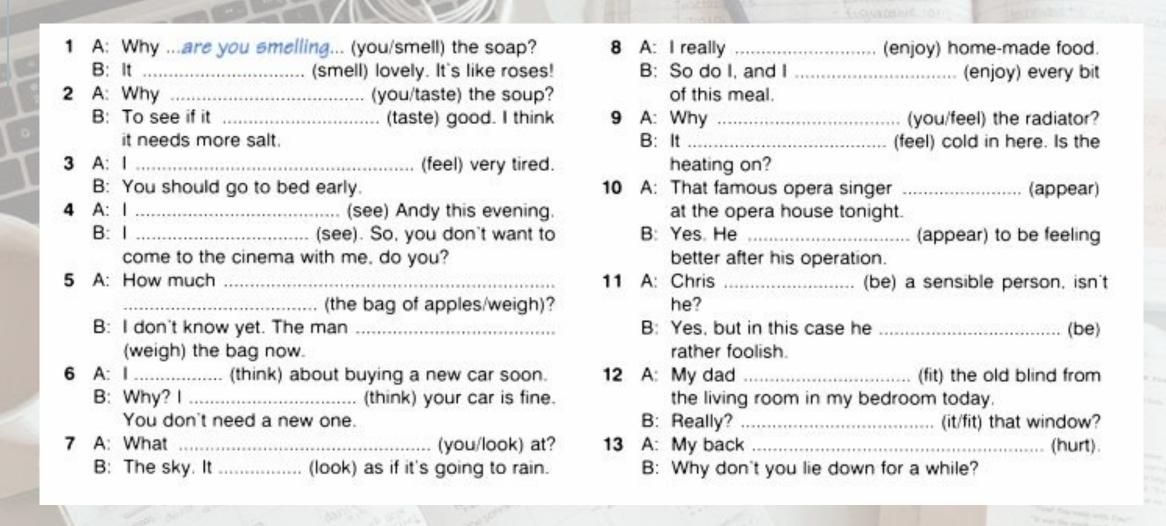
- 5 This perfume smells nice. (= has a nice smell) He is smelling the milk. (= is sniffing)
- 6 The baby's hair feels like silk. (= has the texture of) She is feeling the baby's forehead. (= is touching)
- 7 Bob has a Porsche. (= possesses) He's having a shower at the moment. (= is taking a shower)
- 8 The chicken weighs 2 kilos. (= has a weight of) The butcher is weighing the meat. (= is measuring how heavy it is)
- 9 This dress fits you perfectly. (= it is the right size)
  We are fitting new locks. (= are putting in)
- 10 He appears to be nervous. (= seems)
  He is appearing in a new play. (= is taking part)
- 11 He is a rude person. (= character permanent state) He is being rude. (= behaviour - temporary situation, usually with adjectives such as careful, silly, (im)polite. lazy, etc.)

Note: a) The verb enjoy can be used in continuous tenses to express specific preference.
e.g. I'm enjoying this party a lot. (specific preference)

BUT: I enjoy going to parties. (I enjoy parties in general.)

b) The verbs look (when we refer to a person's appearance), feel (= experience a particular emotion), hurt and ache can be used in either the continuous or simple tenses with no difference in meaning.

e.g. You look/are looking great today.





#### The rush hour\*

For me, the rush hour is the worst time of day. Everywhere is busy, and everyone seems to be in a hurry<sup>1</sup>. I usually drive to work, but sometimes I get stuck<sup>2</sup> in traffic jams<sup>3</sup>, and when I get to work I find there's nowhere to park<sup>4</sup> because the car park<sup>5</sup> is already full. But if I get the bus, it takes me longer, and that makes the journey very stressful<sup>6</sup>. When I get home in the evenings I often feel exhausted<sup>7</sup> – more from the travelling than from my work. 39

- the time when people travel to and from work
- 1 want to go somewhere / do something quickly
- <sup>2</sup> become unable to move or go anywhere
- 3 long lines of cars that are not moving
- 4 no place to leave the car
- 5 place to leave a car
- <sup>6</sup> causing a lot of worry
- 7 very tired

### Common mistakes

The situation was **stressful**, and I was very **stressed** (NOT I was <del>stressing</del>, or it was stressing).

I couldn't find a car park. OR I couldn't find a parking space. (NOT I couldn't find a parking.)

### The nightlife\*



One of the advantages of living in the city is the nightlife. The town centre is always lively in the evening, and there is a wide variety of bars, clubs and restaurants to go to. If you are more interested in culture and cultural activities, you can go to the cinema, the theatre, concerts, art galleries, etc.

- \* places to visit in the evening for social reasons
- <sup>1</sup> the positive things about a situation; opp disadvantages
- <sup>2</sup> full of activity
- 3 many different things



#### Advantages and disadvantages

Cities always seem **crowded**<sup>1</sup>, and they can be **dirty** (*opp* **clean**) **and dangerous** (*opp* **safe**) places to live. **Pollution**<sup>2</sup> is worse in big cities, and so is the **crime rate**<sup>3</sup>. I only walk home **at night**<sup>4</sup> if I'm with a friend. When I'm on my own, I get a taxi.

Life in cities is also more expensive. Flats cost a lot, and I think you get better **value for money**<sup>5</sup> in a smaller town or village.

On the positive side, **you get**<sup>6</sup> a real **mix**<sup>7</sup> of people and nationalities in a big city; that makes life more interesting. I also enjoy the fact that there's always something **going on**<sup>8</sup> in a big city, so life is never **dull**<sup>9</sup>. **9** 

- 1 full of people; opp quiet
- 2 dirty air and water
- 3 the number of crimes that happen
- <sup>4</sup> in the period when it is dark
- If something is good value for money, you are happy with what you receive for the amount of money you pay.
- <sup>6</sup>you find / there exists
- <sup>7</sup>different types
- <sup>8</sup>happening
- 9 boring; opp exciting

#### Match the words on the left with the words on the right.

1 town	a for money
2 traffic	b hour
3 night	c rate
4 value	d centre
5 crime	e space
6 rush	f jam
7 car	g life
8 parking	h park



#### Write the opposite.

1	It's safe. It's de	ingerous.	4	It was very exciting.	
2	It was crowded.		5	There are advantages.	
3	It's very clean.		6	There's a place to park	

Complete the dialogues with one word in ea	ch gap.		
1 A: Is there plenty to do in the evening?			
B: Yes, the <i>nightlife</i> is great.			
2 A: And are there lots of ac	tivities in the town?		
B: Yes. There's a cinema, theatre, concerts,	and so on.		
3 A: Is it good for shopping?			
B: Yes, there's a of shops.			
4 A: Are you worried about walking home late	e in the evening?		
B: Yes, it can be dangerous at	***************************************		
5 A: Is the traffic bad?			
B: Yes, I often get in traffic	jams.		
6 A: Is your flat expensive?			
B: Well, it's not cheap but I think it's quite g	oodfor money.		
Rewrite the sentences without the underline	ed words. Keep the meaning the same.		
1 There were different types of people there.	There was a goodmix of people there		
2 I was very tired.	I was		
3 I was very nervous and worried.	I was very		
4 The place is always full of activity.	The place is always very		
5 The air is dirty.	There's a lot of		
6 They want to do everything very quickly.	They want to do everything in a		
7 There was nowhere to leave the car.	There was nowhere to		
There was nownere to leave the car.			
8 There isn't much happening here.	There isn't much here.		

### WARM UP

Use these words to speak about life in a big city:

### Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- 1 What's the rush hour like where you live?
- 2 What's the nightlife like in your town?
- 3 Is it good for cultural activities?
- 4 Is there much pollution?
- 5 Is the crime rate bad?
- 6 What are the advantages/disadvantages of where you live?