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STATIVE VERBS

A *stative verb* (or state verb) describes a state of being. Stative verbs can refer to various states, including thoughts, emotions, perceptions, relations, and qualities.

There are 2 types of stative verbs:

1. VERBS NEVER USED IN CONTINUOUS TENSES.

agree

appreciate

believe

belong = be of someone

care = feel concern or interest; attach importance to something

consist (of) = be composed or made up of

contain

disagree

doubt = feel uncertain about

desire = wish

deserve = **be worth** a reward or a punishment

dislike

equal

envy = desire smth/someone very much

fear = be afraid of smth/smb

fit

forget

hate

hope = be thoughtful in smth

know

lack = be without or deficient in

like

loathe = feel intense dislike or disgust for

look = seem



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matter

mean = indicate, or refer to, signify

need

owe = have an obligation to pay or repay in return for something received

own = possess

prefer

possess

realize

recognise

refuse

resemble = be similar to someone/smth

seem = have the appearance/air of being

sound = emit or cause to emit sound

suppose

surprise

understand

want

wish

2. VERBS USED IN CONTINUOUS TENSES, BUT WITH DIFFERENT MEANING(S).

- **SEE = a vedea, a înțelege (SIMȚ - SIMPLU)**

I **see** a cat at the window.

= **a se întâlni/ a vedea (fig) - CONTINUU**

I **am seeing** this girl at school. (**Mă întâlnesc...**)

- **HEAR = a auzi (SIMȚ - SIMPLU)**

Sara, **do you hear** me?

= **a nu asculta, a nu face întocmai, a-și închipui, a audia, etc. - CONTINUU**

When you ask me to do smth, I **am not hearing** you. (... **nu te aud/nu te ascult.**)

He *is hearing* strange sounds./ He hears strange sounds.



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- **TASTE = a gusta (SIMȚ - CONTINUU)**

She is tasting this delicious cake.

= a avea un gust, a fi - SIMPLU

This delicious cake tastes sweet. (... este dulce.)

- **FEEL = a simți/ a atinge (SIMȚ – CONTINUU)**

She is feeling her new blouse. (Își atinge noua bluză.)

= a se simți/ a fi (stare de spirit) - SIMPLU

She feels good. / I feel good! (Se simte bine..... – stare de spirit)/ The blouse feels soft.

She isn't feeling well today. / She feels well in summer. – **a se simți (stare de sănătate)**

Anyway, when we use **feel** to talk about someone's health or mood, we can use it as a stative verb or as an active verb. Both are okay.

I feel like dancing/ sleeping/reading... (Îmi vine să...)

- **SMELL = a mirosi (SIMȚ – CONTINUU)**

I am smelling this flower. (Miros această floare.)

= a avea un miros, a mirosi -SIMPLU

This flower smells sweet. (Această floare miroase/are un miros dulce.)

Miroase a ceapă. = It smells like onion.

- **LOVE = a iubi (ființe) – SIMPLU**

I love my family/my dogs.

= a iubi = a-i plăcea mult - CONTINUU (pt mâncare)

I'm lovin' it! (Îl iubesc/Îmi place foarte mult = obiect/lucru...)

- **THINK = a crede - SIMPLU**

I think you are right. (Cred că ai dreptate.)



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= **a se gândi** - CONTINUU

I am thinking of Christmas holiday. (every day/now)

- **CONSIDER = THINK** ↑
- **COST = a costa** – SIMPLU

This notebook costs 3\$./ How much does this notebook cost?

= **a costa (sens figurat)** - CONTINUU

No homework today? This is costing you a lot!

- **EXPECT = a se aștepta** – SIMPLU

I expect you to understand all these new things.

= **a aștepta** – CONTINUU

I am expecting Santa to come. (every day/now) = WAIT **FOR**

- **MIND = a vrea/a deranja** – SIMPLU

Do you mind helping me?/No, I don't. – Yes, I do.

= **a avea grijă de ...** – CONTINUU

She is minding her little sister. (every day/now) (=LOOK AFTER – *She looks after.... every day. / She is looking after now.*)

- **MEASURE = a măsura (dimensiunea)** - SIMPLU

The bridge measures 2 meters long.

= **acțiunea de a măsura** - CONTINUU

He is measuring the bridge.

- **WEIGH = a cântări (greutatea)** - SIMPLU

I weigh 50 kg.



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= **acțiunea de a cântări, a cântări (la fig.) sau orice alt sens**

He is weighing his cat.

I am weighing my situation. It is weighing me down.

- **HOLD = a avea o capacitate de.... - SIMPLU**

The bottle holds 2 l.

= **a ține - CONTINUU**

I am holding the bottle.

- **IMAGINE = a crede – SIMPLU**

I imagine that he will come back soon.

= **a-și imagina/a visa/ a-și închipui - CONTINUU**

I'm imagining me having a lot of money...

- **INCLUDE = a conține - SIMPLU**

The price of \$500 includes accommodation only.

= **a include - CONTINUU**

He is a good player. We're including him in our team.

- **REMEMBER = a-și aduce aminte (= recall)- SIMPLU**

I remember you! We met at the seaside.

= **a-și aminti, a rememora - CONTINUU**

I'm remembering my childhood, those special moments when Santa was appearing.

- **APPEAR = seem - SIMPLU**

He appears to know that.

= **a veni – CONTINUU**

My favourite singer is appearing in my town next week.