**Stative verbs generally fall into 4 groups:**

**Emotion**: love, hate, want, need

**Possession**: have, own, want, belong

**Sense**: see, hear, smell, seem

**Thought**: know, believe, remember

Here are some more examples of state verbs:

**Stative Verbs**

doubt dislike understand suspect

loathe own belong know

like need want seem

mean believe forget remember

prefer hate love see

Some verbs can be both state and action verbs

Some words can be state verbs and action verbs. The meaning of these verbs is then different. Take a look at these:

'I have a car.' – state verb showing possession

'I am having a bath.' – action verb which, in this case, means 'taking'.

'I think you are cool.' – state verb meaning 'in my opinion'.

'I am thinking about buying a motorbike.' – action verb meaning 'considering'.

**This grammar exercise tests your ability to use action verbs and state verbs correctly.**

Complete the given sentences using an appropriate verb form.

1. I ………………… this flavor.

a) like

b) am liking

c) Either could be used here

2. I ………………. fine.

a) feel

b) am feeling

c) Either could be used here

3. I ………………. your dad tomorrow.

a) see

b) am seeing

c) Either could be used here

4. I called her because I ……………….. to talk.

a) needed

b) was needing

c) Either could be used here

5. I …………….. that he is innocent.

a) believe

b) am believing

c) Either could be used here

6. I …………….. his motives.

a) doubt

b) am doubting

c) Either could be used here

7. I ……………….. what you mean.

a) see

b) am seeing

c) Either could be used here

8. I ……………… her immediately.

a) recognized

b) was recognizing

c) Either could be used here

9. The meat ………………. bad.

a) smells

b) is smelling

c) Either could be used here

10. He …………………. 72 kilos.

a) weighs

b) is weighing

c) Either could be used here