

Trouble Spots: *Aspect*



List of some common stative verbs

agree	hear	prefer
appear	imagine	promise
astonish	impress	realise
be	include	recognise
believe	involve	remember
belong	know	satisfy
concern	lack	see (=understand)
consist	like	seem
contain	look (=seem)	smell (=have a smell)
deny	love	sound
depend	matter	suppose
deserve	mean	surprise
disagree	measure (=have a length)	taste
dislike	mind	think (=have an opinion)
doubt	need	understand
feel (=have an opinion)	owe	want
fit	own	weigh (=have weight)
hate	please	wish
have	possess	

Please be aware of some differences in meaning:

She is smelling the flowers. (=taking in the smell of sth.)
These flowers smell great. (= have a smell)

What do you think about it? (=have an opinion)
What are you thinking about? (= mental activity)

I see what you mean. (=understand)
I'm seeing the boss at ten. (=have an appointment with)

We are tasting some old wines. (=drinking them)
But this one tastes awful. (=have an awful taste)