

Non-action verbs exercises

1-Look at the following sentences. They're all wrong:

1. I am not **understanding**. Can you repeat? (understand)
2. I am **having** a new car. It's a Porsche. (have)
3. Chocolate is **smelling** good. (smell)
4. I am not **guessing** he has money. (guess)
5. I am **needing** to read more. (need)
6. The boss is **wanting** a new project. (want)
7. We are **liking** our new department. (like)
8. Are you **believing** him? (believe)
9. She is **seeming** sick. Is she all right? (seem)
10. I am **knowing** him! He worked with me 5 years ago. (work)

2-Look at the verbs in brackets (). Which one /ones:

- 1- describe a mental state:
- 2- describe emotions/ feelings:
- 3- describe possessions (things we have):
- 4- describe senses and perceptions:

What happens to the verbs **in bold** in exercise 1?

So we conclude that verbs that describe _____, _____, _____ and _____ can't take the _____ form. They are called **Non-action verbs**.

3- Look at these sentences below. They are all right:

- a) I am feeling very tired today.
- b) I feel that Angela doesn't like the company.
- c) I am thinking about her.
- d) I think you need to read more.
- e) This soup you've prepared is tasting good.
- f) Soup tastes good.

1. Which sentences are about an action that is happening at the moment/ or in progress?
2. Which sentence speaks about something in general?
3. Which sentences express a guess (speculation) or a personal opinion?

So we conclude that some _____ verbs that describe _____ and _____ can have an action and a non- _____ meaning.