

Choose the correct statement.

1. I am listening to music now. ++
2. She is hearing me. ?- non-action verb/stative verb
3. We're thinking you are a good manager. +WE THINK - non-action verb/stative verb
4. I am wanting you to help us now. + - non-action verb/stative verb
5. I'm thinking about my work. ++
6. We're going to the concert next week. ++
7. She's having a shower now. ++
8. They're having a meeting at the moment. ++
9. She is having a big family. - non-action verb/stative verb - POSSESSION
10. I am believing you. - non-action verb/stative verb
11. I'm loving this. + non-action verb/stative verb

POSSESSION

have =
possess
belong
own
need
be

OPINION/STATE OF MIND

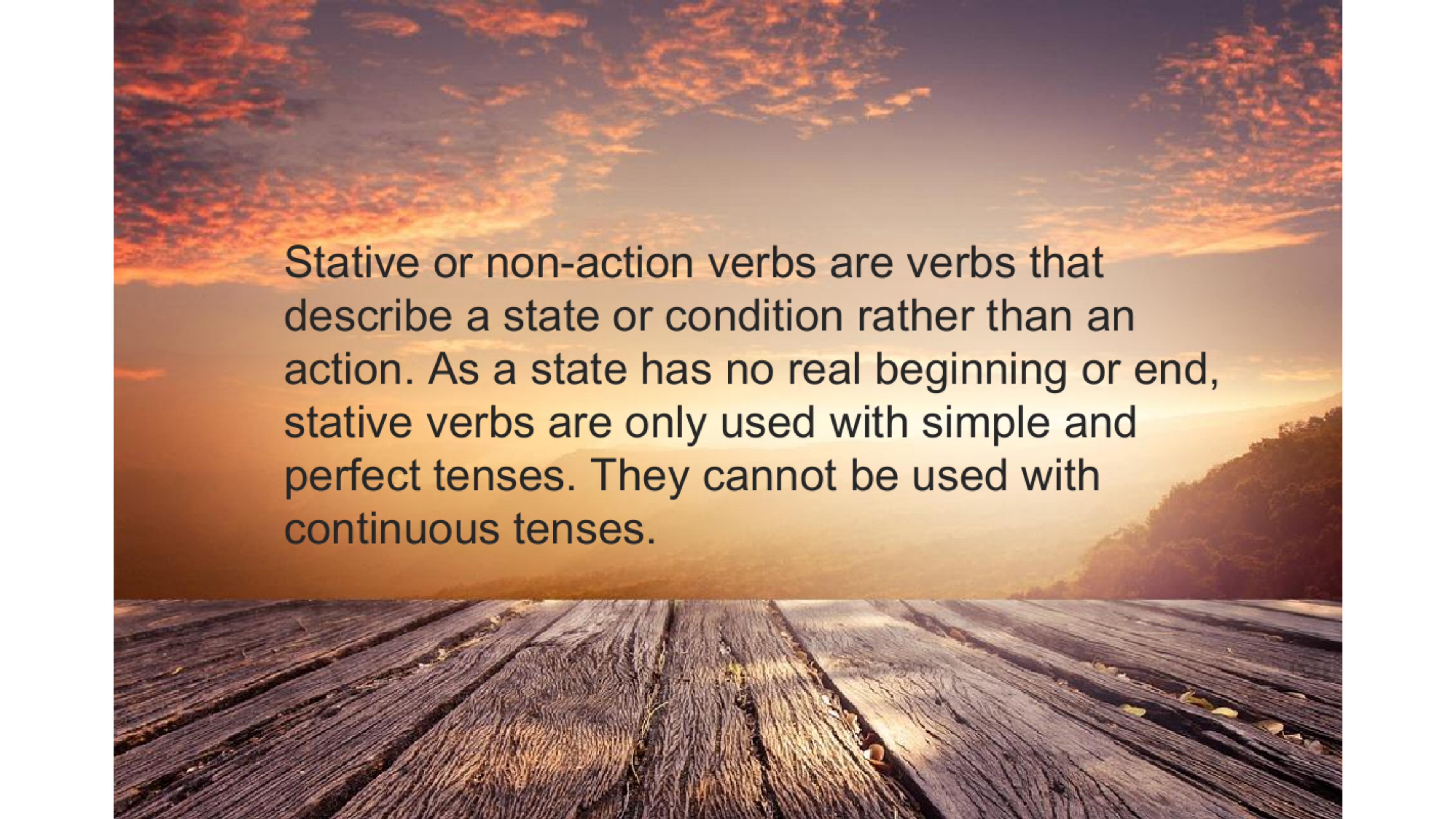
agree
understand
believe
think =
believe
remember
forget
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imagine

PERCEPTIONS/SENSES

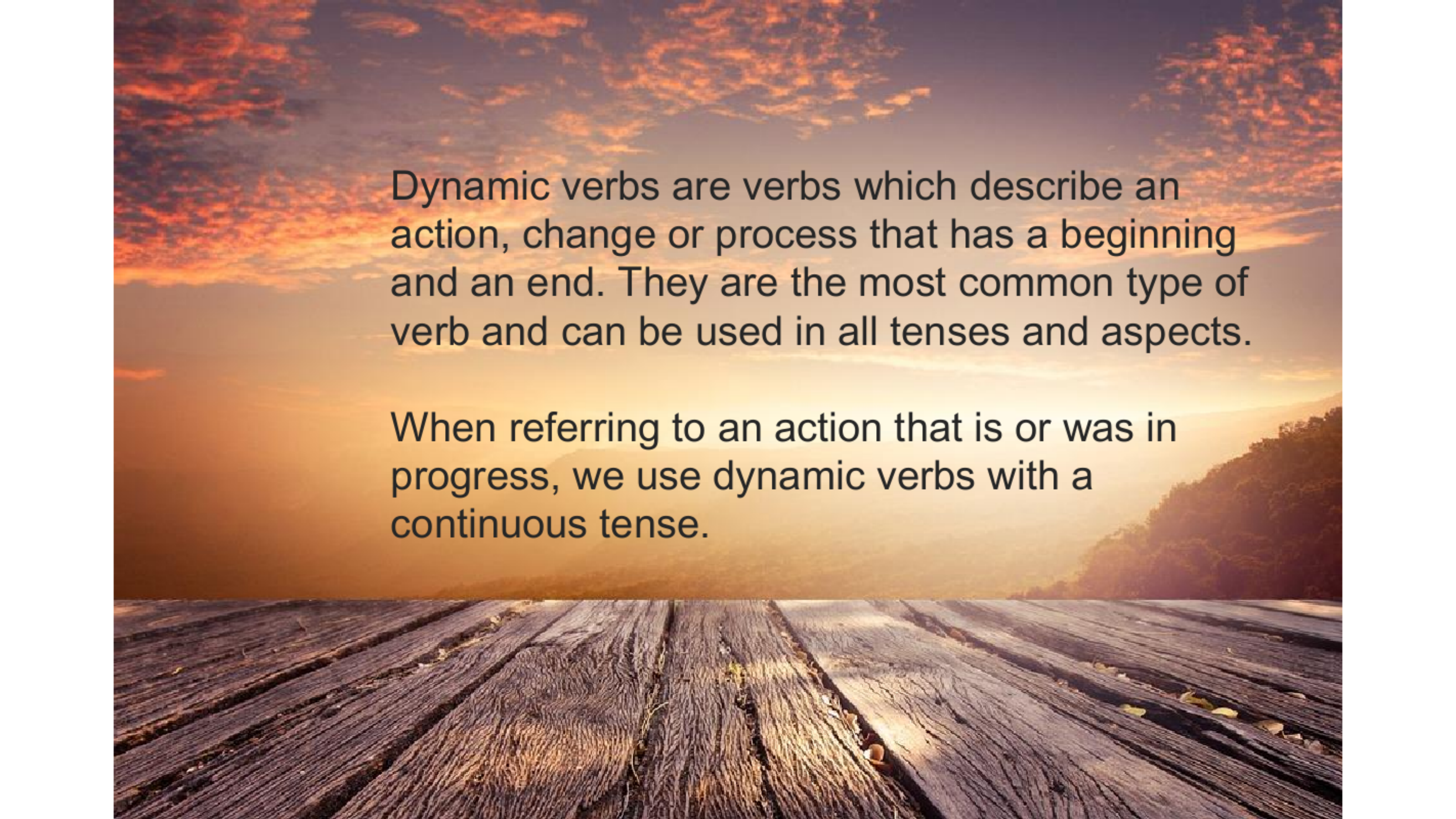
taste* **appear***
see* **seem**
feel* **look***
hear **sound**
smell*

**LIKES/DISLIKES/
EMOTIONS/FEELINGS**

like **dislike**
love **wish** **want**
prefer



Stative or non-action verbs are verbs that describe a state or condition rather than an action. As a state has no real beginning or end, stative verbs are only used with simple and perfect tenses. They cannot be used with continuous tenses.



Dynamic verbs are verbs which describe an action, change or process that has a beginning and an end. They are the most common type of verb and can be used in all tenses and aspects.

When referring to an action that is or was in progress, we use dynamic verbs with a continuous tense.

Verbs which are both stative and dynamic

BE

The verb be is normally used to describe a state, so it is a stative verb.

James is a doctor.

But when be means 'to act or behave', it describes an action, so it is a dynamic verb.

He is being very kind to us.

Verbs which are both stative and dynamic

HAVE

Have, meaning 'to possess', describes a state, so it is a stative verb.

I have two cats.
He has a car.

But when have doesn't mean 'to possess', it describes an action, so it is a dynamic verb.

They are having a party on Saturday.
I was having dinner when someone knocked at the door.

Verbs which are both stative and dynamic

THINK

Think, meaning 'to believe' or 'to have an opinion', describes a state, so it is a stative verb.

I think it is a good idea.

Think, meaning 'to use your brain to reflect', is an action, so it is a dynamic verb

Sara is thinking about her boyfriend.

Verbs which are both stative and dynamic

LOOK

Look, meaning 'to appear', is a state, so it is a stative verb.

Tom looks like his sister.

Look, meaning 'to focus the eyes on something', is an action, so it is a dynamic verb.

Peter is looking out the window.
I am looking at you.
I am looking for my phone.

Verbs which are both stative and dynamic

TASTE/SMELL

**Taste/smell -
Perception,
not voluntary.**

This soup tastes horrible.
These flowers smell great.

**Taste/smell -
Voluntary action
meaning 'to put
food in your mouth
to see how it
tastes'/to smell food
with your nose.**

I am tasting the soup.
I am smelling the flower.

Verbs which are both stative and dynamic

SEE

See - expresses your physical ability to see something with your eyes.

I can see you very well.

See - in the meaning "meet someone".

I am seeing Sophie today.

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