



Our Changing Planet



Ask and answer the questions below in pairs.

1. Do you **believe** that video games can make you smarter?
2. Why? Which game or movie do you **think** has the best story ever made?
3. Do you **prefer** playing games alone or with friends?
4. What kind of movies do you **hate** watching?
5. Do you **own** any gaming consoles, or do you **prefer** PC gaming?
6. When you watch a movie in English, do you **understand** everything, or do you **need** subtitles?
7. What do you **like** doing after school?
8. What do you **know** about video games?
9. Who **owns** a bike in your family?
10. What do you **prefer**: movies or games?
11. What do you **think** about online learning?



Ask and answer the questions below in pairs.



1. What verbs do you know that describe feelings or thoughts?
2. Can you think of verbs that are not “actions”?
3. How do we say “I know”, “I like”, “I want” in English?
4. Can we see someone “knowing” something? Why or why not?

Stative Verbs

Verbs we don't usually use in the continuous

What are stative verbs?

- They describe **states**, not actions.
- They are often about:
 - thinking
 - feeling
 - owning/having
 - liking/wanting



Thinking

know

believe

understand

think

Feeling

like

love

hate

prefer

Owning

own

have

belong to

Grammar rule

Present simple

- I know her.
- He likes football.

Not usually present continuous

- I'm knowing her. X
- He's liking football. X

Think

- **Opinion (Stative - Simple):**

*“I **think** Elden Ring is the best game ever.”*

(This is my belief or opinion; it’s a permanent state of mind.)

- **Action (Dynamic - Continuous):**

*“Quiet, please! I **am thinking** about the answer to this boss puzzle.”*

(This is a mental process happening right now; I am actively using my brain.)

Have

- Possession (Stative - Simple):

"I have a new controller for my console."

(I own it; it belongs to me.)

- Activity/Experience (Dynamic - Continuous):

"I can't talk now; I am having lunch with my friends."

(In this context, "having" means "eating" or "experiencing.")

Other examples: *having a party, having a shower, having a blast.*)

Feel

- **State/Opinion (Stative - Simple):**

"I feel that this movie is too long."

(This is my general impression or emotional state.)

- **Temporary Condition/Physical Sensation (Dynamic - Continuous):**

"I am feeling much better today after that cold."

(This describes a physical sensation or a changing health condition at this exact moment. Note: In many cases, "I feel" and "I'm feeling" are interchangeable for health, but the *no*continuous emphasizes.)

1 Find these verbs in the article on page 14 and underline them. What tense are they in?

believe	hope	know	like
own	think	understand	

The verbs above are about thinking, feeling and owning things. We don't usually use them in the continuous form.

Present simple

2 Which of these words are also about thinking, feeling and owning things?

belong to	buy	climb	feel	hate
have	love	mean	need	prefer
run	sing	want	work	

**belong to,
hate,
have,
love,
prefer,
need,
want**

3

Complete the sentences using the present simple or present continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Can you turn the TV off? I _____ (hate) that programme!
- 2 Mr Jones _____ (want) to talk to you. Are you free now?
- 3 Why _____ (you sing)? I _____ (need) to study!
- 4 That book _____ (belong) to me. It's not my friend's.
- 5 I _____ (love) this T-shirt. Can I buy it, Mum?
- 6 I can't talk now, sorry. I _____ (run).

1 hate

2 wants

3 are you singing, need

4 belongs

5 love

6 am running

4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.



- 1** There are things in my bag that I'm needing at the moment.
- 2** The weather's cold at the moment, but I'm preferring it like that.
- 3** I'm thinking the party was great.
- 4** My brother is liking summer and I'm liking winter.
- 5** Get into the pool with me! The water is feeling great.

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3 I think the party was great.

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5 Use the prompts to write questions beginning *Do you ... or Are you ...*. Then walk around the class and ask people your questions.

own / a bike?

learn to / play an instrument?

like / cabbage?

do / an art project at the moment?

think / English is easy?

plan to / do something interesting this weekend?

love / watching TV?

need / study for an exam?



Read the article and answer the questions below.

Do you own a bike?

Are you learning to play an instrument?

Do you like cabbage?

Are you doing an art project at the moment?

Do you think English is easy?

Are you planning to do something interesting this weekend?

Do you love watching TV?

Are you studying for an exam at the moment?

Thank you ☺

