STENCIL 1D: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DYNAMIC AND STATE VERBS.

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| DYNAMIC VERBS | STATE VERBS |
| Describe actions. They can be used in simple and continuous forms. | Describe a state or situation. They are not usually used in continuous forms. |
|  | to believe  to belong  to forget  to hate  to like  to love  to need  to prefer  to remember  to understand  to want |

SOME STATE VERBS CAN BE USED WITH A DYNAMIC MEANING AND CAN THEREFORE BE USED EITHER AS STATE OR DYNAMIC VERBS

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|  | DYNAMIC | STATE |
| to think | You think too much.  What are you thinking about ? | I think your skirt is too short ? |
| to feel | How do you feel ?  I’m feeling ill. | I feel that he should apologise ? |
| to look | If you look carefully you can see the sea.  What are you looking at ? | That bed doesn’t look very comfortable. |
| to see | We see with our eyes.  I’m seeing double. | I see what you mean. |
| to smell | I often smell the flowers in the garden.  The dog is smelling its food. | This cheese smells horrible ! |
| to taste | Taste the pasta and see if it needs more salt.  He’s tasting the wine, not drinking it. | The pizza tastes good |
| to appear | Harry always appears when food is ready.  Jennifer Aniston is appearing in a play in London next week. | She appears to be in her mid-teens. |