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. |
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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.  |