



Present Simple: Stative Verbs

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. I ___ what you mean.
a) know b) am knowing c) knows d) knowing
2. This book ___ to me.
a) belongs b) is belonging c) belong d) belonging
3. She ___ chocolate ice cream.
a) prefers b) is preferring c) prefer d) preferring
4. How much ___ this shirt cost?
a) does b) is c) do d) are
5. I ___ you are right.
a) believe b) am believing c) believes d) believing
6. She ___ a big house in the countryside.
a) owns b) is owning c) own d) owning
7. He ___ to buy a new laptop.
a) wants b) is wanting c) want d) wanting
8. I ___ with your opinion.
a) agree b) am agreeing c) agrees d) agreeing
9. This soup ___ delicious!
a) tastes b) is tasting c) taste d) tasting
10. She ___ her children very much.
a) loves b) is loving c) love d) loving
11. I ___ what to say.
a) don't know b) am not knowing c) doesn't know d) not know
12. The box ___ a lot of old photos.
a) contains b) is containing c) contain d) containing
13. He ___ to need more time.
a) seems b) is seeming c) seem d) seeming
14. I ___ the answer to that question.
a) don't remember b) am not remembering c) doesn't remember d) not remember
15. This word ___ 'happy' in English.
a) means b) is meaning c) mean d) meaning

16. They ___ a bigger apartment.
a) need b) are needing c) needs d) needing

17. ___ you understand this lesson?
a) Do b) Are c) Does d) Is

18. I ___ spiders. They scare me.
a) hate b) am hating c) hates d) hating

19. She ___ very young, but she is actually 30.
a) looks b) is looking c) look d) looking

20. He ___ that exercise is important.
a) thinks b) is thinking c) think d) thinking



Answers

1. a) know
2. a) belongs
3. a) prefers
4. a) does
5. a) believe
6. a) owns
7. a) wants
8. a) agree
9. a) tastes
10. a) loves
11. a) don't know
12. a) contains
13. a) seems
14. a) don't remember
15. a) means
16. a) need
17. a) Do
18. a) hate
19. a) looks
20. a) thinks



Explanations

1. “know” (a)

'Know' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: I know. (Not: I am knowing.)

2. “belongs” (a)

'Belong' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple + third person -s: belongs. (Not: is belonging.)

3. “prefers” (a)

'Prefer' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: She prefers.

4. “does” (a)

'Cost' is a stative verb. Form questions with does + base verb: does ... cost.

5. “believe” (a)

'Believe' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: I believe.

6. “owns” (a)

'Own' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: She owns. (Not: She is owning.)

7. “wants” (a)

'Want' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: He wants. (Not: He is wanting.)

8. “agree” (a)

'Agree' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: I agree.

9. “tastes” (a)

When 'taste' describes a quality, it's stative: This soup tastes delicious.

10. “loves” (a)

'Love' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: She loves.

11. “don't know” (a)

'Know' is a stative verb. Negative: I don't know. (Not: I am not knowing.)

12. “contains” (a)

'Contain' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: The box contains.

13. “seems” (a)

'Seem' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: He seems.

14. “don't remember” (a)

'Remember' is a stative verb. Negative: I don't remember.

15. “means” (a)

'Mean' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: This word means.

16. “need” (a)

'Need' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: They need. (Not: They are needing.)

17. “Do” (a)

'Understand' is a stative verb. Questions use Do/Does: Do you understand?

18. “hate” (a)

'Hate' is a stative verb. Use Present Simple: I hate.

19. “looks” (a)

When 'look' means 'appear/seem', it's stative: She looks very young.

20. “thinks” (a)

When 'think' means 'believe/have an opinion', it's stative: He thinks exercise is important. (But: He is thinking about the problem — action, not stative.)