



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.)