THE FLATMATES
Quiz:
Stative verbs
The Flatmates – Quiz – Stative verbs

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For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. I never .......... a face but I’ve got no idea what her name is.
   a) forgetting
   b) forgets
   c) forget
   d) forgot

2. I don’t want to have a fight about it. Just forget it! It .......... 
   a) isn’t matter
   b) isn’t mattering
   c) doesn’t matter
   d) doesn’t mattering

3. Why are you crying at that photo, mum? Are you .......... that perfect day at the beach all those years ago?
   a) remember
   b) remembering
   c) remembers
   d) remembered

4. They’re .......... a party. I want to go but I .......... nothing to wear.
   a) have/have
   b) having/having
   c) have/having
   d) having/have

5. Commentator: ‘She’s running incredibly well. She must be .......... the pain but she’s so close to the finishing line, she can .......... victory.’
   a) feeling/tasting
   b) feeling/taste
   c) feel/taste
   d) feel/tasting

6. They’re really rich. They .......... 2 houses and 5 cars but they always .......... so unhappy! I .......... it’s true that money can’t buy happiness.
   a) own/seem/suppose
   b) owning/seeming/suppose
   c) own/seem/supposing
   d) owning/seem/suppose
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Answers

1. I never .......... a face but I’ve got no idea what her name is.
   a) forgetting – Wrong – you need a verb with a stative meaning here.
   b) forgets – Wrong – you use ‘forgets’ with ‘he’, ‘she’ or ‘it’.
   c) forget – Correct - this is a verb with a stative meaning here so it doesn’t use the continuous form.
   d) forgot – Wrong - you need a present tense form here.

2. I don’t want to have a fight about it. Just forget it! It ..........  
   a) isn’t matter – Wrong - look at ‘isn’t’ again.
   b) isn’t mattering – Wrong – look at ‘isn’t’ and the continuous form again.
   c) doesn’t matter - Correct - this is a verb with a stative meaning here so it doesn’t use the continuous form.
   d) doesn’t mattering – Wrong – look at ‘doesn’t’ again. You need a verb with a stative meaning here.

3. Why are you crying at that photo, mum? Are you .......... that perfect day at the beach all those years ago?
   a) remember – Wrong – this is usually a stative verb but here it means the action of thinking of a specific memory.
   b) remembering – Correct - this is usually a stative verb but here it means the action of thinking of a specific memory.
   c) remembers – Wrong - you use 'remembers' with 'he', 'she' or 'it'.
   d) remembered – Wrong – you need a present tense form here.

4. They’re .......... a party. I want to go but I .......... nothing to wear.
   a) have/have – Wrong – look at the first 'have' again.
   b) having/having – Wrong – look at the second 'having' again.
   c) have/having – Wrong – look at both answers again.
   d) having/have – Correct – 'having' means 'hosting or throwing a party' here and 'have' means 'possess'

5. Commentator: ‘She’s running incredibly well. She must be .......... the pain but she’s so close to the finishing line, she can .......... victory.’
   a) feeling/tasting – Wrong – look at 'tasting' again.
   b) feeling/taste – Correct – here ‘feeling’ means ‘experiencing’ and after ‘can’ you don’t use the continuous form.
   c) feel/taste - Wrong – look at 'feel' again.
   d) feel/tasting – Wrong – look at 'tasting' again.

6. They’re really rich. They .......... 2 houses and 5 cars but they always .......... so unhappy! I .......... it’s true that money can’t buy happiness.
   a) own/seem/suppose – Correct – all three verbs have stative meanings here.
   b) owning/seeming/suppose – Wrong – look at ‘owning’ and ‘seeming’ again.
   c) own/seem/supposing – Wrong – look at ‘supposing’ again.
   d) owning/seem/suppose – Wrong – look at ‘owning’ again.
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