State verbs: Verbs that don't take 'ing'

The class
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Language quiz
Now let’s practise what you learned in this lesson!

Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the sentences.

Here's an example:
Today the sun (shines/is shining) and I (want/am wanting) to be outside!

1. I (make/am making) a film, it (includes/is including) a dramatic car chase.

2. She (doesn't believe/isn't believing) what (happens/is happening) now.

3. Let's not go to the park – it (rains/is raining) and I (prefer/am preferring) somewhere inside.

4. (Don't you like/Aren't you liking) what I (do/am doing) at the moment.

5. You (don't understand/aren't understanding) what I (say / am saying)!

6. It (surprises/is surprising) me how well they (play/are playing) today.

7. Your bag (lies/is lying) on the floor and it (has/is having) so many important things in it!

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
Writing and speaking practice

Find a picture with some people in it and write a description of what is happening, how people feel and what they are thinking. Remember to use action verbs for actions and state verbs for senses, attitude and opinion, mental processes and possession.

Show some pictures to a friend and talk about what is happening, how people feel and what they are thinking.

Here’s an example:

*They are sitting on the beach and eating an ice-cream. All they hear are the waves and they feel relaxed. They love this place and they look very happy.*

Answers to exercise on page 1

1. I am making a film, it includes a dramatic car chase.
2. She doesn't believe what is happening now.
3. Let's not go to the park – it is raining and I prefer somewhere inside.
4. Don't you like what I am doing at the moment.
5. You don't understand what I am saying!
6. It surprises me how well they are playing today.
7. Your bag is lying on the floor and it has so many important things in it!