

ACTION VERBS & STATIVE VERBS

All verbs in English are classified as either stative or action verbs (also referred to as 'dynamic verbs'). Action verbs describe actions we take (things we do) or things that happen. Stative verbs refer to the way things 'are' - their appearance, state of being, smell, etc. The most important difference between stative and action verbs is that action verbs can be used in continuous tenses and stative verbs cannot be used in continuous tenses.

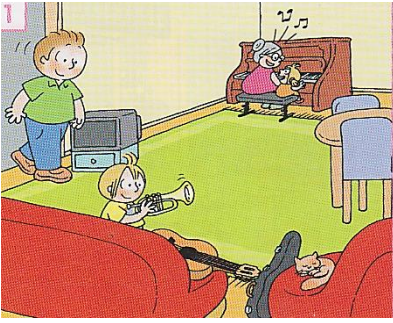
Action verbs	Stative verbs
<div>- She's studying math with Tom at the moment. AND She studies math with Tom every Friday.</div> <div>- They've been working since seven o'clock this morning. AND They worked for two hours yesterday afternoon.</div> <div>- We'll be having a meeting when you arrive. AND We are going to meet next Friday.</div>	<div>- The flowers smell lovely. NOT Those flowers are smelling lovely.</div> <div>- She heard him speak in Seattle yesterday afternoon. NOT She was hearing him speak in Seattle yesterday afternoon.</div> <div>- They'll love the concert tomorrow evening. NOT They'll be loving the concert tomorrow evening.</div>

Emotions	Senses	Mental States		Others		
Love	Hear	Believe	Realise	Mind	Recognize	Suppose
Like	See	Doubt	Recognise	Understand	Be (exist)	Promise
Adore	Smell	Know	Remember	Own	Hear	Mean
Care for	Sound	Think	Satisfy	Smell	Want	Agree
Desire	Feel	Understand	Suppose	Appreciate	Include	Detest
Dislike	Look	Agree	Surprise	Love	Contain	Equal
Hate	Taste	Appear	Others	Concern	Seem	Hate
Mind	Touch	Astonish	Cost	Dislike	Belong to	Disagree
Need	Possession	Concern	Measure	Possess	Cost	Involve
Prefer	Consist	Deny	Owe	Imagine	Think	Depend on
Want	Contain	Disagree	Weigh	Sound	Measure	Weigh
Wish	Have	Forget	Depend	Ador	Remember	Deny

Abscond	Advance	Advocate	Analyze
Assemble	Bathe	Bow	Brighten
Campaign	Check	Collaborate	Collar
Contract	Convert	Cure	Dash
Derive	Direct	Distinguish	Divert
Edge	Educate	Emerge	Expose
File	Flog	Gain	Gather
Hang	Hasten	Hitch	Hurtle
Initiate	Install	Itemize	Kick
Led	Link	Listen	Log
Lurch	Maim	Manage	Master
Meet	Mimic	Mock	Observe
Order	Patrol	Pirate	Prepare
Pummel	Race	Rape	Rate
Remove	Reorganize	Repulse	Resign
Rob	Rock	Save	Scrawl
Sculpt	Sense	Shoot	Slay

LET'S PRACTICE

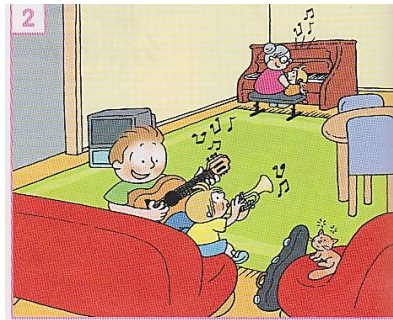
Music for everybody.



It's Sunday today and the family are at home.

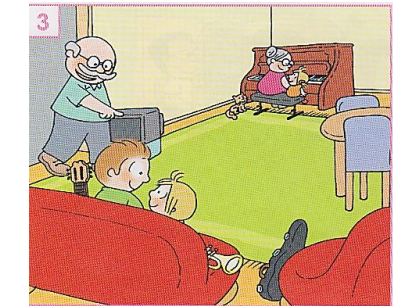
Listen! Betty and her granny (play) the piano. They (be) happy, they (like) music very much.

Jim (want) to play the trumpet. The cat (sleep) on the sofa, it (not/hear) the music. Look! Jim's father (come) into the room. He (want) to play, too.



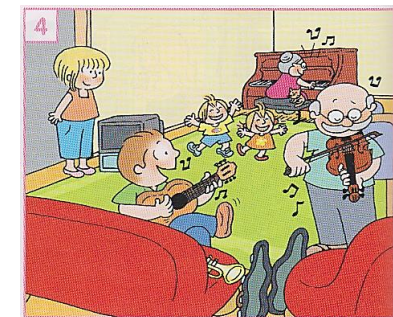
Now he (play) the guitar and Jim (play) the tube.

The cat (hear) the music, it (not/sleep) now, because the music is too *loud/loudly*. They are playing *loud/loudly*.



Can you see the cat? It (sit) next to the piano and (listen) to the music! It (like) music, too!

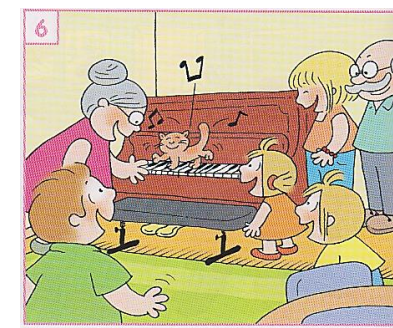
Look! Granddad (come). He (smile), he also (want) to play.



Here Mum comes and she (see) a wonderful scene. Her mother (play) the piano, her father (play) the violin, her husband (play) the guitar and her children (dance). They (be) happy! They (have) a good time!



What a surprise! Nobody (play) now, but everybody (hear) the music! Mum (clap) her hands. Who is playing?



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