

Stative and dynamic verb exercises in various tenses

Here are 20 exercises for learners to practise filling in the gaps with both stative and dynamic verbs in various tenses:

1. I usually _____ (have) dinner before bed, but right now I _____ (have) dinner in bed while I _____ (watch) a film.
2. He _____ (love) spicy food, but he _____ (not/enjoy) the meal last night.
3. The birds _____ (prefer) warm seasons, and they _____ (fly) thousands of kilometres while they _____ (follow) the Spring.
4. She _____ (have) three cats, and they currently _____ (play) in the garden.
5. Last week, they _____ (realise) their mistake while I _____ (explain) what had happened.
6. Usually, I _____ (understand) the instructions, but I _____ (need) help understanding what she's saying right now.
7. The children _____ (be) at school yesterday, but today they _____ (be) on a trip.
8. My phone _____ (work) fine last month, but now it _____ (give) me problems.
9. He _____ (think) about quitting his job last year, but he _____ (love) it now.

10. She always _____ (believe) in aliens, and last night she said she _____ (see) a UFO.
11. Last year, I _____ (prefer) tea, but these days I _____ (drink) coffee.
12. While she usually _____ (know) the answers, she _____ (struggle) in the exam yesterday.
13. They _____ (be) friends since childhood, and currently, they _____ (plan) a holiday together.
14. The artist _____ (paint) a mural in the city centre last month, and it still _____ (look) stunning.
15. The roses _____ (smell) amazing, especially when they _____ (bloom) in the spring.
16. We _____ (have) a meeting right now, but later I _____ (want) to discuss another project.
17. Yesterday, she _____ (not/feel) well, so she _____ (stay) in bed.
18. His sister usually _____ (like) jazz, but she _____ (listen) to rock music at the moment.
19. The sun _____ (shine) brightly today, but it _____ (rain) all day yesterday.
20. I always _____ (remember) my dreams, and last night I _____ (dream) about the sea.

Note: As always, the context determines whether a verb acts as stative or dynamic in the sentence.

Answers:

1. I usually **have** dinner before bed, but right now I **am having** dinner in bed while I **am watching** a film.
2. He **loves** spicy food, but he **didn't enjoy** this meal last night.
3. The birds **prefer** warm seasons, and they **fly** thousands of kilometres while they **are following** the Spring.
4. She **has** three cats, and they currently **are playing** in the garden.
5. Last week, they **realised** their mistake while I **was explaining** what had happened.
6. Usually, I **understand** the instructions, but I **need** help understanding what she's saying right now.
7. The children **were** at school yesterday, but today they **are** on a trip.
8. My phone **worked** fine last month, but now it **is giving** me problems.
9. He **thought** about quitting his job last year, but he **loves** it now.
10. She always **believes** in aliens, and last night she said she **saw** a UFO.
11. Last year, I **preferred** tea, but these days I **am drinking** coffee.
12. While she usually **knows** the answers, she **struggled** in the exam yesterday.
13. They **have been** friends since childhood, and currently, they **are planning** a holiday together.
14. The artist **painted** a mural in the city centre last month, and it still **looks** stunning.
15. The roses **smell** amazing, especially when they **bloom** in the spring.
16. We **are having** a meeting right now, but later I **want** to discuss another project.
17. Yesterday, she **didn't feel** well, so she **stayed** in bed.
18. His sister usually **likes** jazz, but she **is listening** to rock music at the moment.
19. The sun **is shining** brightly today, but it **rained** all day yesterday.
20. I always **remember** my dreams, and last night I **dreamt** about the sea.