

## Present Simple

### 1. General truths

- \* It rarely rains in the desert.
- \* You play chess with 32 pieces.

### 2. Present habits

- \* The birds return to the island every spring.
- \* Marsha goes to dance club every Thursday.

### 3. Timetable events

- \* The plane to London takes off at 6:50 a.m.
- \* The Drama club meets every other week at 7:30 p.m.

### 4. Permanent states

- \* He works at a hotel.
- \* I like the new James Bond film.

## Present Continuous

### 1. Actions happening now

- \* She is reading a newspaper upstairs.
- \* I'm busy, I'm doing my homework.

### 2. Temporary states

- \* She's working at the museum until the end of this month.

### 3. Annoying habits (+ always)

- \* You're always forgetting to pay the bills.
- \* He's always singing in the shower!

### 4. Future arrangements

- \* She's getting married on 3 November.
- \* We're leaving at 3 this afternoon.

## Markers

#### ADVERBS:

always - usually - often -  
sometimes - rarely - never

#### PHRASES:

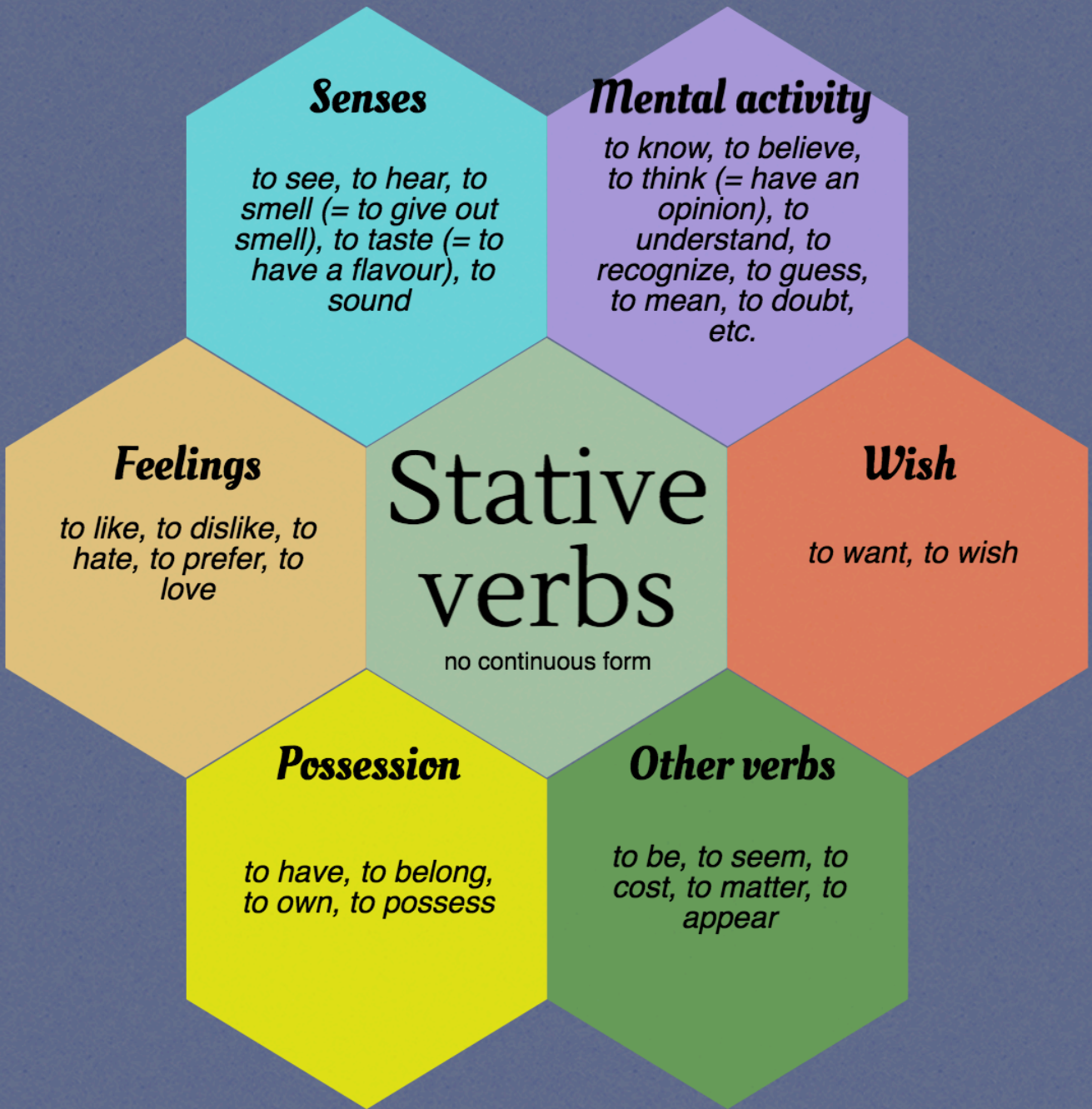
- every week / Monday  
- each month / year  
- once / twice / three times a  
week

#### PHRASES:

now - right now - at the moment -  
today - this week / month / year

**No stative  
verbs!**





**ATTENTION!**

**Think**

- \* I think she's not a good singer.
- \* I'm thinking about buying a car.

**Look**

- \* She looks terrible.
- \* She is looking at my photos.

**Have**

- \* I have a cat.
- \* I'm having a lunch/shower now. (in phrases)

**See**

- \* I can see a star in the sky.
- \* I'm seeing John tonight. (= meet)