

STATIVE VERBS (STATE VERBS)

Some verbs are never or hardly ever used in progressive forms:

- I **like** this music (NOT: *I'm **liking** this music).
- I phoned her because I **needed** to talk. (NOT: * ... because I **was needing** ...)

Many of these non-progressive verbs refer to states (=estado) rather than actions (= acciones).

Some refer to mental states (e.g. know, think, believe); some others refer to the use of the senses (e.g. smell, taste).

- Modal verbs (can, must, etc.) have no progressive forms.

