

Vocabulary

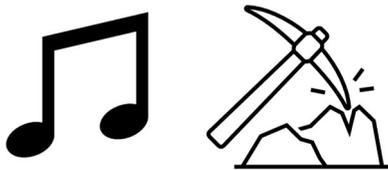


Soup



Stew

Fragrance: *sophisticated
smell*



Sound – Noise



Cotton



Good Looks



Bad Looks

Stative Verbs - Grammar Focus

Point 1: Stative verbs express feelings and opinions. They are followed by an adjective.

1. The party **sounds** fun.
2. This soup **smells** delicious.
3. This test **sounds** hard.
4. This pasta **tastes** great!
5. She **feels** sad today!

Point 2: Stative verbs use verbs about the five senses: touch, sight, taste, smell, and sound.

1. That **sounds** difficult.
2. This book **looks** interesting.
3. He **feels** better now.
4. This pizza **tastes** terrible.
5. This milk **smells** old.

Point 3: Stative verbs are special because the object is an adjective, not a noun or pronoun as with transitive verbs.

- **(A) Can you make vegetable curry? (Transitive)**
- (B) No, it looks difficult. (Stative)
- (B) But, I eat it all the time. (Transitive)
- **(A) Yeah, it smells and tastes great. (Stative)**
- **(A) I can teach you how to make it. (Transitive)**
- (B) Awesome! That sound fun! (Stative)

Point 4: Stative verbs **look** and **sound** often show a prediction for a future opinion about something.

- This test **sounds** hard.
- **I think** this test **will be** hard.
- The movie **sounds** interesting.
- **I think** the movie **will be** interesting.
- This soup **looks** good.
- **I think** this soup **will be** delicious.

Point 5: Stative verbs often can be replaced with a **be** verb and keep the same meaning.

- This record **sounds** old.
- This record **is** old.
- I **feel** sick.
- I **am** sick.

- This soup **tastes** delicious.
- This soup **is** delicious.

Beginner English Grammar (A2) Lesson 21 of 25

Stative Verbs

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: What are you cooking? It **smells** great.

Woman: I am making chicken stew.

Man: Oh, it **looks** so good.

Woman: Here, have a taste.

Man: Oh my gosh! This **tastes** fantastic.

Woman: I am so glad you like it!

Conversation 2 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Wow! You look stunning.

Woman: Thanks. I have a date.

Man: Ooh. Where are you going?

Woman: I'm going to the new Mexican restaurant.

Man: That **sounds** fun.

Woman: I'd invite you but...

Man: Yeah, yeah, I know. It's a date. Have fun!

Conversation 3 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: What's wrong? You **look** terrible.

Woman: I **feel** terrible. I have a cold.

Man: Oh, sorry to hear that.

Woman: Any advice?

Man: Well, I hear vinegar and lemon juice helps.

Woman: That **sounds** awful. No thanks.

Conversation 4 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: I like your sweater. Is it wool?

Woman: No, it is cotton. Feel it?

Man: Wow, it **feels** so soft.

Woman: It is. It is so comfy too.

Man: It **looks** comfy. I want one.

Woman: Well, Christmas is almost here. Maybe someone special might get you one.

Man: Ooh! That **sounds** promising.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) What smells great?

- a) **The stew**
- b) The soup

2) Why does she look nice?

- a) **She has a date.**
- b) She has a party.

3) What sounds awful to the woman?

- a) Her cold
- b) **The drink**

4) What feels comfy?

- a) A wool sweater
- b) **A cotton sweater**

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- glad
- Here

- chicken stew
- tastes

- looks
- smells

Conversation 1

Man: What are you cooking? It ___ great.

Woman: I am making ___.

Man: Oh, it ___ so good.

Woman: ___, have a taste.

Man: Oh my gosh! This ___ fantastic.

Woman: I am so ___ you like it!

Question 2 of 4

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- fun
- sounds
- Where

- going
- invite
- date

- look

Conversation 2

Man: Wow! You ___ stunning.

Woman: Thanks. I have a ___.

Man: Ooh. ___ are you going?

Woman: I'm ___ to the new Mexican restaurant.

Man: That ___ fun.

Woman: I'd ___ you but...

Man: Yeah, yeah, I know. It's a date. Have ___!

Question 3 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- sorry
- helps

- look
- sounds

- advice
- feel

Conversation 3

Man: What's wrong? You ___ terrible.

Woman: I ___ terrible. I have a cold.

Man: Oh, ___ to hear that.

Woman: Any ___?

Man: Well, I hear vinegar and lemon juice ___.

Woman: That ___ awful. No thanks.

Question 4 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- cotton
- comfy
- looks

- feels
- might get
- sounds

- sweater

Conversation 4

Man: I like your ____. It is wool?

Woman: No, it's ____. Feel it?

Man: Wow, it ____ so soft.

Woman: It is. It is so ____ too.

Man: It ____ comfy. I want one.

Woman: Well, Christmas is almost here. Maybe someone special ____ you one.

Man: Ooh! That ____ promising.

Corporate Vocabulary

To Stagnate



To remain static, not to change, constant.

“Gold prices seem to stagnate when the economy is strong.”

To forward

Send an email that you received from one person to another person.

“Please don’t forward those emails to people outside the company.”