Progressive and Non-progressive Uses of Verbs Exercise

Some verbs are not normally used in progressive (continuous) forms. Some have both progressive and non-progressive forms with different meanings.

This grammar exercise tests your understanding of common progressive and non-progressive verbs.

1. I ....................... fine.

feel
am feeling
Either could be used here

2. I ........................ you shouldn't do this.

feel
am feeling
Either could be used here

3. What ....................... you ....................... about my hair style?

do, think
are, thinking
Either could be used here
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4. I ......................... your dad tomorrow.

see
am seeing

5. The fish ..................... awful.

smells
is smelling
Either could be used here

6. I ......................... this song.

like
am liking
Either could be used here

7. I rang her up because I ......................... to talk.

wanted
was wanting
Either could be used here
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8. I ....................... what you mean.
   see
   am seeing
   Either could be used here

9. The stew ......................... wonderful.
   tastes
   is tasting
   Either could be used here

10. If I ......................... the answer, I will tell you.
    am knowing
    know
    Either could be used here

11. He ......................... 85 kg.
    is weighing
    weighs
    Either could be used here
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12. ..................... you ..................... in God?

Do, believe
Are, believing

Answers

1. I feel / am feeling fine.
2. I feel you shouldn’t do this.
3. What do you think about my hair style?
4. I am seeing your dad tomorrow.
5. The fish smells awful.
6. I like this song.
7. I rang her up because I wanted to talk.
8. I see what you mean.
9. The stew tastes wonderful.
10. If I know the answer, I will tell you.
11. He weighs 85 kg.
12. Do you believe in God?