## Категория состояния/ Статив

Category of State/ Stative

## Значение Meaning

- Such words as *asleep, ablaze, afraid,* etc. have been often named adjectives,
- BUT! they cannot (apart from a few special cases) be attributes in a sentence,
- their meaning does not seem to be that of property
- Stative used to denote these words, on the analogy of such terms as "substantive" and "adjective"
- The meaning of the words of this type is that of a passing state a person or thing happens to be in.

## Форма Form

• Statives are invariable.

## Функция Function

- (a) 1) most usually follow a link verb (was asleep, fell asleep).
- 2)Occasionally they can follow a noun (man alive).
- 3) can sometimes be preceded by an adverb (fast asleep).
- (b) In the sentence,
- 1) most usually a predicative (he fell asleep).
- 2) can be objective predicatives (I found him asleep)
- 3) attributes, almost always following the noun they modify (a man asleep in his chair).

