

Grammar

Present continuous and present simple

3 a Complete the sentences from the story. What are the two tenses?

Sweet Sue usually ¹_____ lunch in her office at 1.30, but she ²_____ lunch today. She's ³_____ her coat.

b When do we use each tense? Match these expressions to the two tenses.

NOW **today** **always**

USUALLY **EVERY DAY**

present simple

present continuous

regularly **at the moment**
IN THIS PICTURE

- 6 A few days later, Sweet Sue sends an e-mail to her friend, Martha. Complete the e-mail with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



Dear Martha,

I really ¹_____ (not like) that Smart Alec.
He's so perfect. He ²_____ (run) the
London Marathon every year. He ³_____
(cycle) to work every day. I can see him out of
the window now – he ⁴_____ (arrive)
on his bicycle again. And he's clever, too. He
⁵_____ (learn) a new language every year.
At the moment he ⁶_____ (learn) Chinese.
He ⁷_____ (get) new customers every day.
Three people ⁸_____ (sit) outside his office
at the moment. And his telephone ⁹_____
(ring) now. It ¹⁰_____ (ring) all the time! My
phone ¹¹_____ (not ring) very often. Well,
he isn't going to take all my customers! I'm going
to fight back ...