

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

at the moment

regularly

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 ...