

## 1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the situations.

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I <sup>1</sup>ve meant/ve been meaning to reply to your invitation all week but I <sup>2</sup>ve been/ve been being busy with a work project, sorry! Anyway, my cousins <sup>3</sup>have just called/have just been calling to say they're coming to stay this weekend. I <sup>4</sup>ve hoped/ve been hoping to introduce you for a while. Is it OK to bring them along to the barbecue?



2

I <sup>5</sup>ve entered/ve been entering an online photo competition and the prize is a trip to New York City. I <sup>6</sup>ve watched/ve been watching people vote online and my picture <sup>7</sup>has received/has been receiving over a thousand votes so far. I've got such a good chance of winning that I <sup>8</sup>ve read/ve been reading about attractions in the city.



3

Every summer my friends and I take a trip together, but this year no one <sup>9</sup>has made/has been making a decision about where to go, and it's getting on my nerves! Laura <sup>10</sup>has suggested/has been suggesting renting a house but Hannah thinks it will be too expensive. Hannah and Ed <sup>11</sup>have argued/have been arguing about the dates all week. I just don't understand what <sup>12</sup>has got/has been getting into everyone. Holidays are supposed to be fun!



## 2 Read the situations again. Match situations 1–3 with the proverbs a–c.

- a *Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.* \_\_\_\_  
 b **Too many cooks spoil the broth.** \_\_\_\_  
 c **THE MORE THE MERRIER.** \_\_\_\_

## 3 Choose one of the proverbs above or another one you know. Write a paragraph giving an example of it, using the present perfect simple and continuous.