

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the situations.

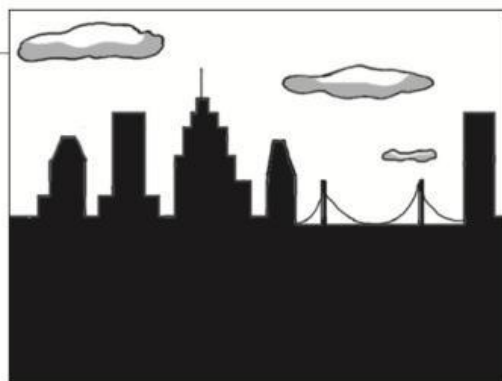
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I ¹*'ve meant/'ve been meaning* to reply to your invitation all week but I ²*'ve been/'ve been being* busy with a work project, sorry! Anyway, my cousins ³*have just called/have just been calling* to say they're coming to stay this weekend. I ⁴*'ve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



2

I ⁵*'ve entered/'ve been entering* an online photo competition and the prize is a trip to New York City. I ⁶*'ve watched/'ve been watching* people vote online and my picture ⁷*has received/has been receiving* over a thousand votes so far. I've got such a good chance of winning that I ⁸*'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 ⁹*has made/has been making* a decision about where to go, and it's getting on my nerves! Laura ¹⁰*has suggested/has been suggesting* renting a house but Hannah thinks it will be too expensive. Hannah and Ed ¹¹*have argued/have been arguing* about the dates all week. I just don't understand what ¹²*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.

4 Work in groups. Compare your examples from Exercise 3. Can the other members guess which proverb you chose?