

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the situations.

1

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



2

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