

As a child, Tom Briggs knew that he (1) ... rich. By the age of 22 he (2) ... up his own software company, and it soon took off in a big way. When the company (3) ... record profits last year, Tom celebrated the event in style, by arranging a huge party on board his magnificent yacht.

But recently things have started to go wrong. There (4) ... reports of a strange virus in some products. The virus causes a computer screen to go orange and then to flash up the message 'Tom is sinking'. It seems that one particularly dissatisfied employee (5) ... to programme bankruptcy for Tom's company. Even if the company (6) ... , Tom (7) ... a clear warning, which he cannot afford to ignore.

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (5).

1) had been attempted      2) was attempted      3) has attempted      4) will be attempting