

## TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (10 Answers)

*These are some of the most commonly used verb forms that appear on the test:*

1. **had been expecting    expects    expect    had been expected**

No one expects to come home and find their house has been robbed. We had been expecting to relax after our trip, and did not expect to see it in complete chaos. This was the last thing that had been expected after our wonderful vacation.

2. **involving    are involved    have been involved    involves**

The latest corrupt political news involves a group of politicians who have been involved in several construction bribery scams involving a number of major construction companies. It will be interesting to see how many are involved in this scandal.

3. **celebrating    has been celebrated    have been celebrating    to celebrate**

Halloween began in Europe and has been celebrated for over 2000 years. Long ago, to celebrate Halloween, people lit fires and wore animal costumes on the eve of All Saint's Day, which is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Americans have been celebrating Halloween only since around 1800, with most kids celebrating it by also getting candy.

4. **to prepare    preparing    have been prepared    has been preparing**

AmTech has spent months preparing for the release of their long-awaited self-driving taxis. AmTech has been preparing these vehicles to replace traditional taxi drivers. 1000 of these "SDTs" have been prepared for the initial release. AmTech hopes to be the first to prepare the world for a driverless future.

5. **has been managing    to manage    has managed    have managed**

Judy has been managing our store for only 3 years, and in that time she has managed to double our sales and decrease our overhead. I have no idea how she was able to manage this, because no others have managed to do that in over 20 years! I think it's time we give her a sizeable raise!