

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (10)

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 _____ to come home and find their house has been robbed. We _____ to relax after our trip, and did not _____ to see it in complete chaos. This was the last thing that _____ after our wonderful vacation.

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

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

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

Halloween began in Europe and _____ for over 2000 years. Long ago, _____ Halloween, people lit fires and wore animal costumes on the eve of All Saint's Day, which is Nov. 1st. Americans _____ Halloween only since around 1800, with most kids _____ it by also getting candy.

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

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

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

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