

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (2a) Answers

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

1. **runs** **ran** **running** **run**

Gina's mother runs their family restaurant, but Gina is hoping to run it one day. Her grandmother ran it for 25 years until she retired, and her mother has been running it now for 23 years. So hopefully it will be Gina's turn soon.

2. **make** **making** **made** **makes**

When Joe was young, he wanted to to make a lot of money when he grew up. In his first job he was making good money, but he wasn't rich. So, he started his own company and it makes him a lot of money. In just 5 years he has made a fortune and is happy!

3. **drove** **drive** **driving** **driven**

In school, Tom drives an old truck, which he truly loved. He used to drive it every day after school delivering pizzas to make extra money. Now Tom is 30 and he is still driving that same old truck. I think he has driven it over 250,000 Km!

4. **avoiding** **be avoided** **avoided** **to avoid**

Trying to avoid paying taxes, the dishonest businessman spent years avoiding tax collectors by lying about his income. He successfully avoided paying taxes for years, but was eventually caught. Death and taxes are 2 things that can't be avoided in life!

5. **have seen** **see** **saw** **seeing**

Due to the pandemic, we are have seen a big change in the employer/employee relationship. Before the virus, we saw offices full of workers from Monday to Friday. With the lockdowns, we are seeing the rise of the Work-From-Home culture. Now we can see that a new hybrid work style is the new normal.