

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (2a)

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

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

Gina's mother _____ their family restaurant, but Gina is hoping to _____ it one day. Her grandmother _____ it for 25 years until she retired, and her mother has been _____ 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 _____ a lot of money when he grew up. In his first job he was _____ good money, but he wasn't rich. So, he started his own company and it _____ him a lot of money. In just 5 years he has _____ a fortune and is happy!

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

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

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

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

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

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