

## TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (2b) Answers

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

1. **runs**                    **had run**                    **has been running**                    **will run**

Gina's mother runs their family restaurant, but Gina will run it one day, she hopes. Her grandmother had run 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. **to make**                    **was making**                    **has made**                    **is making**

When Joe was young, he wanted 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 is making him a lot of money. In just 5 years he has made a fortune and is now happy!

3. **drove**                    **to drive**                    **is driving**                    **has driven**

In school, Tom drove 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 driving that same old truck even now. I think he has driven it over 250,000 Km!

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

Trying to avoid paying taxes, the dishonest businessman spent years avoiding tax collectors by lying about his income. It was really amazing how he had avoided paying taxes for so many years until he was eventually caught and put in jail. Death and taxes are 2 things that truly can't be avoided in life!

5. **have seen**                    **to see**                    **could see**                    **seeing**

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