

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (2b)

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 _____ their family restaurant, but Gina _____ it one day, she hopes. Her grandmother _____ it for 25 years until she retired and her mother _____ 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 _____ a lot of money when he grew up. In his first job he _____ 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 _____ a fortune and is now happy!

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

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

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

Trying _____ paying taxes, the dishonest businessman spent years _____ tax collectors by lying about his income. It was really amazing how he _____ 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 _____ in life!

5. **have seen** **to see** **could see** **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. Because of the lockdowns, we _____ the rise of the Work-From-Home culture. Now we are able _____ that a new hybrid work style is the new normal.