

## TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (5b) Answers

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

1. **can be felt**      **to feel**      **have been feeling**      **am feeling**

I don't know about you, but I'm beginning to feel the impact of this recession. They have been feeling it in Europe and the U.S. for some time, but now it can be felt here in Asia too. I am feeling nervous that this recession will drag on for a while.

2. **to steal**      **has been stolen**      **stole**      **having stolen**

Did you know the Mona Lisa has been stolen once, by a man named Vincenzo Peruggia? He stole it in 1911, but was arrested 28 months after stealing it, and it was returned to the Louvre. Other people have also tried to steal it, but all have failed.

3. **had known**      **know**      **knows**      **knew**      **having known**

I know that no one really knows the future, but as a gambler, it seemed that Bob knew every horse that was going to win today! If I had known about his skill, I could have made a lot of money just like he did! Can you imagine having known which horses would win today? You could have become so rich!

4. **to decrease**      **decreased**      **will keep decreasing**      **has been decreasing**

The need for traditional stores has been decreasing over the years. It only slightly decreased in the early on-line shopping days, but began to decrease sharply with the emergence of Amazon. I wonder if shops will keep decreasing as we move into the future.

5. **having announced**      **may announce**      **been announced**      **be announcing**

In his speech, the CEO may announce the launching of a new Systech division. It has already been announced to the board, but he may be announcing it to the public for the first time. After having announced the launch, if he does, he will be happy to answer questions.