

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (5b)

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 _____ the impact of this recession. They _____ it in Europe and the U.S. for some time, but now it _____ here in Asia too. I _____ 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 _____ once, by a man named Vincenzo Peruggia? He _____ it in 1911, but was arrested 28 months after _____ it, and it was returned to the Louvre. Other people have also tried _____ it, but all have failed.

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

I _____ that no one really _____ the future, but as a gambler, it seemed that Bob _____ every horse that was going to win today! If I _____ about his skill, I could have made a lot of money just like he did! Can you imagine _____ 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 _____ over the years. It only slightly _____ in the early on-line shopping days, but began _____ sharply with the emergence of Amazon. I wonder if shops _____ as we move into the future.

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

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