

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (6 Answers)

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

1. **would have been** **is** **was** **has been**

Tom has been our school quarterback for 3 years and he is said to be the best player in the country. But unfortunately, he was injured in the championship game and we lost. If we had won the game, we would have been national champions for the 3rd straight year!

2. **to fall** **has fallen** **falling** **have been falling**

Our theme park is getting old. Attendance has fallen again for the 4th straight year. It initially began to fall when we closed down our roller coasters and the numbers have been falling ever since. If attendance keeps falling, we'll have to close.

3. **to be broken** **to break** **has broken** **breaks**

We are very strict here and our rules are not to be broken! You were told that anyone who breaks these rules will immediately be fired! And I have just learned that someone has broken one! I warned you not to break our rules! It's time to fire someone!

4. **paid** **will have paid** **have been paying** **pay**

Wow, it seems like I have been paying my credit card bills forever! I pay about \$400 every month, but the amount I owe isn't going down. It must be the interest they charge. Probably, when I finish my payments, I will have paid double the cost of the stereo I bought. I should have just paid cash for it when I got it!

5. **to speak** **have spoken** **spoke** **speaking**

I spoke to my boss yesterday about my fear that bonuses will be cut. He said that many of the staff have spoken to him about the same thing too. He said he plans to speak to the CEO about this, and after speaking with her, he will give us an answer.