

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (6)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wow, it seems like I _____ my credit card bills forever! I _____ 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 _____ double the cost of the stereo I bought. I should have just _____ cash for it when I got it!

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

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