

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (7 Answers)

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

- is being built building has been built to build**

CTech is attempting to build the world's biggest sports arena. It is being built in a wealthy suburb of LA, but so far only 20% has been built, as bad weather has put the project far behind schedule. Now they are not set to finish building it until summer 2026.
- to shake was shaken shook hasn't been shaken**

Tokyo was shaken by a large earthquake around 10 this morning. The quake shook places as far away as Kyoto. Tokyo hasn't been shaken by such a large quake in nearly 10 years. When the ground began to shake, many tourists panicked as they had never experienced an earthquake before.
- have never forgiven forgave to forgive has forgiven**

Our soccer fans have never forgiven John Smith for his accidental "own goal" in the World Cup finals, which cost our team the match. His teammates quickly forgave him, but the fans are still so angry and refuse to forgive or forget, even after 2 years. Hopefully he has forgiven himself for this unfortunate mistake.
- grew has grown have been growing to grow**

My grandparents slowly grew their business from one store in 1950 to only 3 by 1980, but my parents have been growing the business more rapidly since 1980. It has grown to 30 stores in just 10 years. They hope to grow it even more in the future.
- has risen rose to rise rising**

Five storms in a row have caused river water levels to rise dangerously high. Meade River has risen to nearly over its banks and is threatening to flood the town. Just last night it rose another meter. If waters keep rising, we're in for a disaster!