

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (8)

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

1. **to choose** **has chosen** **chose** **are choosing**

Nowadays, many women _____ not to have babies at a younger age. In the past, they often had _____ to marry and have kids right after college, and if they _____ to work, they usually had to sacrifice having a family. But now, if a woman _____ to work, she can also have a family at the same time.

2. **being lent** **to lend** **have always lent** **have lent**

Park Prints is only going _____ us 2 3-D printers this summer. They _____ us 6 printers in the past, but this year they _____ 4 of the printers to someone else! Without _____ those 4 printers, we'll never finish the project on time!

3. **swam** **have swum** **to swim** **swimming**

As a kid, I often _____ in our small pool back home. But now as an adult, I'm attempting _____ the 60km from Cuba to Florida. Only a few people in history _____ this long, dangerous distance. While _____, you have to be very careful of deadly sharks and poisonous jellyfish.

4. **would have gotten** **had gotten** **to get** **is getting**

I think Mary _____ a promotion next week...finally! She _____ it 3 years ago, but the pandemic delayed everything. She wishes she _____ it before the pandemic, because she was really hoping _____ a new car with the extra money.

5. **had thought** **thinking** **was thought** **been thought**

Until 1492, Europeans _____ the world was flat. They were afraid to sail to the horizon, as it _____ that they'd just fall off the earth. This had _____ by everyone for a thousand years until Christopher Columbus, _____ that the world couldn't be flat, sailed past the horizon to "The Americas"!