

## TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (9 Answers)

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

1. **would succeed    would have succeeded    were succeeding    to succeed**

Ben noticed that many local green tea shops were succeeding and making a lot of money, so he thought he would succeed if he opened one too. Unfortunately, it quickly failed. It would have succeeded, possibly, if he'd have opened it in another area with less competition. If you hope to succeed in business, you must be original!

2. **has been extended    to extend    be extending    be extended**

For the holidays, we are planning to extend our operating hours. Customers requested that they be extended to handle the expected high volume of holiday shoppers. Weekend closing time has been extended to 11 pm, and we will be extending weekday hours to until 10 pm, as well.

3. **to prevent    preventing    would have prevented    have prevented**

Masks worn by some people during the pandemic have prevented the spread of the virus quite significantly. Preventing the virus from spreading saved lives. If more masks had been worn, we would have prevented even more deaths. Our goal is preventing even just one death.

4. **has been increasing    increased    would increase    to increase**

It's a reality that the cost of goods has been increasing over the last few years. You'd think people's salaries would increase as well. However, salaries have not increased at the same pace as inflation. As it is trending now, the cost of goods is sure to increase at an even faster rate. How will your average families survive?

5. **have been verified    verifying    to verify    has been verified**

We are in the process of verifying your financial information for your home loan. It'll take 48 hours to verify everything. Once your financial information has been verified and your job details have been verified, we'll sign your loan.