

## TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (9)

*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 \_\_\_\_\_ and making a lot of money, so he thought he \_\_\_\_\_ if he opened one too. Unfortunately, it quickly failed. It \_\_\_\_\_, possibly, if he'd have opened it in another area with less competition. If you hope \_\_\_\_\_ in business, you must be original!

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

For the holidays, we are planning \_\_\_\_\_ our operating hours. Customers requested that they \_\_\_\_\_ to handle the expected high volume of holiday shoppers. Weekend closing time \_\_\_\_\_ to 11 pm, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ the spread of the virus quite significantly. \_\_\_\_\_ the virus from spreading saved lives. If more masks had been worn, we \_\_\_\_\_ even more deaths. Our goal is \_\_\_\_\_ even just one death.

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

It's a reality that the cost of goods \_\_\_\_\_ over the last few years. You'd think people's salaries \_\_\_\_\_ as well. However, salaries have not \_\_\_\_\_ at the same pace as inflation. As it is trending now, the cost of goods is sure \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ your financial information for your home loan. It'll take 48 hours \_\_\_\_\_ everything. Once your financial information \_\_\_\_\_ and your job details \_\_\_\_\_, we'll sign your loan.