

## TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (5a) Answers

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

1.    **be felt**                      **to feel**                      **have felt**                      **feeling**

I don't know about you, but I'm beginning to feel the impact of this recession. They have felt it in Europe and the U.S. for some time, but now it can be felt here in Asia. I can't help feeling that this recession will drag on for a while.

2.    **steal**                      **been stolen**                      **stole**                      **stealing**

Did you know the Mona Lisa has been stolen once, by a man named Vincenzo Peruggia? He stole it in 1911, but was arrested 28 months after stealing it, and it was returned to the Louvre. Other people have also tried to steal it, but all have failed.

3.    **known**                      **know**                      **knows**                      **knew**                      **knowing**

I know that no one really knows the future, but as a gambler, it seemed that Bob knew every horse that was going to win today! If I had known about his skill, I could have made a lot of money just like he did! Can you imagine knowing the future? You could become so rich!

4.    **decrease**                      **decreased**                      **will keep decreasing**                      **is decreasing**

It is easy to see that the need for traditional stores is decreasing. It only slightly decreased in the early days of on-line shopping, but began to sharply decrease with the emergence of Amazon. I wonder if shops will keep decreasing in the future until they are all gone forever.

5.    **having announced**                      **will announce**                      **announced**                      **announcing**

In his speech, the CEO will announce the launching of a new Systech division. It was already announced to the board members, but he will be announcing it to the public for the first time. After having announced the launch, he will answer any of your questions.