

TOEIC IV – Verb Tenses (5a)

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 _____ the impact of this recession. They _____ it in Europe and the U.S. for some time, but now it can _____ here in Asia. I can't help _____ that this recession will drag on for a while.

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

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

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

I _____ that no one really _____ the future, but as a gambler, it seemed that Bob _____ every horse that was going to win today! If I had _____ about his skill, I could have made a lot of money just like he did! Can you imagine _____ 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 _____. It only slightly _____ in the early days of on-line shopping, but began to sharply _____ with the emergence of Amazon. I wonder if shops _____ in the future until they are all gone forever.

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

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