

## TOEFL GRAMMAR PRACTICE 1

### EXERCISE 41: Sentences—Verbs

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct verb. In fact, most of the sentences in the Structure Section are verb problems. A verb is a word or phrase that expresses action or condition. A verb can be classified as transitive or intransitive according to whether it requires a complement; it can be classified further according to the kind of complement it requires, including not only nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs, but also *-ing* forms or infinitives. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. Almost everyone fails \_\_\_\_\_ the driver's test on the first try.  
Ⓐ passing  
Ⓑ to have passed  
Ⓒ to pass  
Ⓓ in passing
2. When the silkworm gets through to lay its  
Ⓐ  
Ⓑ  
Ⓒ  
Ⓓ eggs, it dies.
3. If endangered species \_\_\_\_\_ saved, rain forests must be protected.  
Ⓐ are to be  
Ⓑ be  
Ⓒ can be  
Ⓓ will be
4. The average spoken sentence in conversational English takes 2.5 seconds  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
Ⓐ for to complete  
Ⓑ completing  
Ⓒ to complete  
Ⓓ by completing
5. Only twenty years ago, most doctors agreed \_\_\_\_\_ truthful with their terminally ill patients, a trend that has reversed itself in modern medical practice.  
Ⓐ don't to be  
Ⓑ not to be  
Ⓒ we shouldn't been  
Ⓓ not to been
6. William Torrey Harris was one of the first educators interested \_\_\_\_\_ a logical progression of topics in the school curriculum.  
Ⓐ in establishing  
Ⓑ for establishing  
Ⓒ establishing  
Ⓓ to establish
7. North American Indian tribes used sign language \_\_\_\_\_ with tribes that spoke a different language or dialect.  
Ⓐ to communicating  
Ⓑ for communicate  
Ⓒ to communicate  
Ⓓ for communicated
8. Art tends to be \_\_\_\_\_ more after the death of the artist, but most literary works tend to decrease in value when the writer dies.  
Ⓐ price  
Ⓑ worthy  
Ⓒ worth  
Ⓓ value
9. Adult eagles let their offspring \_\_\_\_\_ nests near their original nesting area.  
Ⓐ build  
Ⓑ builds  
Ⓒ building  
Ⓓ to build
10. A barometer is a device with a sealed metal  
Ⓐ  
Ⓑ chamber designed to reading the changes  
Ⓒ  
Ⓓ in the pressure of air in the atmosphere.