CELPIP Listening Practice Test 109

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2. Read the questions for each recording here and mark your answers on the answer sheet.
3. Check your answers with the answer key, then read the transcript for every question you missed.

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

A Stroller Problem

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/109**

1. Why does the man ask about a dog?

A He suspected hair was the cause.
B He thought a dog had chewed the wheel.
C He wanted to know how far she walks.
D He was making small talk.

2. Why can't the store simply replace the stroller?

A The woman damaged the wheel on gravel.
B That model is sold out.
C Too much time has passed.
D The manufacturer must inspect it first.

3. What mainly worries the woman about the wait?

A paying for the new wheel
B getting around with her son
C her son losing sleep
D having to come back to the store

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4. What must the woman give to borrow the stroller?

A a rental fee for the week
B a signed warranty form
C a copy of her photo ID
D a refundable payment

5. How does the woman feel about the older stroller?

A It will do for now.
B It is better than her own.
C It is too costly.
D It is not safe for her son.

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6. What does the woman imply about the stroller she borrowed?

A It broke while she had it.

B It was easy to fold.

C It was tiring to handle.

D Her son disliked riding in it.

7. What does the woman choose from the shelf?

A



B



C



D



8. What will likely happen next?

A The woman will buy the older stroller.

B The man will fit the new wheel.

C The woman will go home for her card.

D The man will give back her deposit.

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

A New Desk at Work

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/109**

9. Why did the woman get the new desk?

A The company was replacing its old furniture.
B Sitting all day hurt her back.
C Her feet had become sore at work.
D She wanted to stay awake after lunch.

10. What mistake did the woman make at first?

A She set the desk too high.
B She sent in the wrong form.
C She ignored the buzzing of her watch.
D She never changed her position.

11. How is the woman's back now?

A It has stopped hurting.
B It feels worse than it did in March.
C It is somewhat less of a problem.
D It hurts most in the afternoon.

12. What does the woman show the man about the desk?

A It makes almost no noise.
B It adjusts by hand.
C It disturbs people nearby.
D It can be set to any height.

13. What is the man hinting when he mentions his brother-in-law?

A He could get a note through family.
B He should have his back looked at.
C His brother-in-law also needs a desk.
D His brother-in-law could get him a cheaper desk.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Calling a Court Information Line

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14. What does the woman say she cannot do?

A explain the steps of the process
B tell him the cost of filing
C predict how his case will end
D point him to the online form

15. What did the man wrongly assume?

A that the form was on paper
B that the deadline had already passed
C that the contractor had a company
D that he needed paid legal help

16. Why does the woman ask whether Dave has a company?

A Companies must pay a higher filing fee.
B Only registered builders can be sued.
C She needs the name to look up his licence.
D The wrong name could make a win useless.

17. What does the woman imply about money for stress?

A A judge is unlikely to award it.
B It has to be claimed separately.
C It would raise the filing fee.
D It is limited to a fixed amount.

18. What does the woman say about the final letter?

A A lawyer has to write it for him.
B It may end the dispute early.
C It must be included with the claim form.
D It must go out in two days.

19. What will the man probably do next?

A search for the contractor's company
B send the contractor another text message
C submit his claim online
D write the final letter

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

A Bottle Crosses the Atlantic

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/109**

20. Wade Arsenault's original note was

A a plea for help.
B a playful dare.
C a farewell to fishing.
D an invitation to visit.

21. Fiona Campbell found the bottle while

A teaching on the beach.
B clearing away seaweed.
C fishing nearby.
D out with her pet.

22. Lena Fraser suggests that the bottle's voyage was

A helped by passing ships.
B unusually slow.
C fairly ordinary.
D nearly impossible.

23. The envelope reached Arsenault thanks to

A a Summerside schoolteacher.
B a postal worker.
C the buyers of his home.
D the oceanographer in Halifax.

24. We can infer that Arsenault

A had not expected an answer.
B has sent many bottles before.
C plans to travel to Scotland.
D regrets writing the note.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

A Meeting at the Tourism Office

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/109**

25. What is the main purpose of the discussion?

A to arrange a carnival for residents
B to choose a plan for the quiet months
C to divide up the arena's funding
D to persuade shops to stay open all year round

26. Why does Bethany mention a town on Vancouver Island?

A to show a similar idea can work
B to name a rival town
C to suggest advertising in that region
D to compare the cost of two carnivals

27. What is Katrina's objection to the winter carnival?

A It would cost much more than $4,000.
B The snow could not be counted on.
C Its audience would be mostly local.
D It would be too crowded at the wharf.

28. What doubt does Sean raise about the storm idea?

A Local residents would not take part.
B Advertising in Toronto would cost too much.
C The weather cannot be planned for.
D Waves could damage the breakwater.

29. What does Bethany propose?

A holding a carnival every month
B opening on a few chosen dates
C offering free rooms
D asking the inn to lower its prices

30. What can we infer about Walter?

A He has already agreed to open.
B He plans to sell his restaurant.
C He is Sean's uncle.
D He is unlikely to join in.

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31. What does Katrina now think of the chili cook-off?

A It is worth having as a backup.

B It should be the main attraction.

C It would be a waste of money.

D It should be held just for residents.

32. What is the best subject line for a summary of this meeting?

A Winter carnival for local families

B Request to council to restore the $6,000

C Toronto advertising campaign approved

D Storm weekends: will businesses open?

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

What Job Ads Should Say

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33. According to Nadia Rahman, keeping pay secret mostly benefits

A the boldest bargainers.
B national corporations.
C small employers.
D recent immigrants.

34. Greg Tanner's first objection is that a posted salary would

A make his own staff compare their wages.
B force him to change his flexible hours.
C help bigger rivals hire his recruits.
D lengthen his firm's interview process.

35. Rahman explains the modest narrowing of wage gaps by saying that

A employers have been ignoring them.
B the rules are still new.
C ranges are too wide.
D the gaps were never very large.

36. The speaker hints that Tanner's worry about staff conversations

A is shared by most small employers.
B will disappear once the law takes effect.
C has been ignored by the regulators.
D may point to unfair pay.

37. Greg Tanner would most likely accept

A showing all staff what each person earns.
B discussing pay partway through hiring.
C printing a salary figure in every job ad.
D matching what national corporations pay.

38. The speaker's attitude toward mandatory disclosure is

A quietly disapproving.
B firmly supportive.
C somewhat disappointed.
D cautiously sympathetic.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
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Answer key

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1 A He suspected hair was the cause.

2 C Too much time has passed.

3 B getting around with her son

4 D a refundable payment

5 A It will do for now.

6 C It was tiring to handle.

7 D Picture D

8 D The man will give back her deposit.

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9 B Sitting all day hurt her back.

10 D She never changed her position.

11 C It is somewhat less of a problem.

12 A It makes almost no noise.

13 A He could get a note through family.

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14 C predict how his case will end

15 D that he needed paid legal help

16 D The wrong name could make a win useless.

17 A A judge is unlikely to award it.

18 B It may end the dispute early.

19 A search for the contractor's company

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20 B a playful dare.

21 D out with her pet.

22 C fairly ordinary.

23 C the buyers of his home.

24 A had not expected an answer.

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25 B to choose a plan for the quiet months

26 A to show a similar idea can work

27 C Its audience would be mostly local.

28 C The weather cannot be planned for.

29 B opening on a few chosen dates

30 D He is unlikely to join in.

31 A It is worth having as a backup.

32 D Storm weekends: will businesses open?

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36 D may point to unfair pay.

37 B discussing pay partway through hiring.

38 D cautiously sympathetic.

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Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
38	CLB 12
37	CLB 11
35–36	CLB 10
33–34	CLB 9
30–32	CLB 8
27–29	CLB 7
22–26	CLB 6
17–21	CLB 5
11–16	CLB 4

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Transcripts

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Part 1: A Stroller Problem

Section 1

WOMAN: Excuse me, I bought this stroller here about five weeks ago, and the front wheel's gone strange. It shakes like crazy, and yesterday it locked up completely, right in the middle of a crosswalk, with my son in it.

MAN: Oh, that's no fun. Is he okay?

WOMAN: He slept through the whole thing.

MAN: Well, nine times out of ten this is just something wrapped around the axle. Do you have a dog, by any chance?

WOMAN: A dog? No, why would—

MAN: Sorry, it's the hair, it gets in everywhere. Let me pop this wheel off. Hmm. No, it's clean. But see this? The little metal ring inside has cracked.

WOMAN: Oh no. Is that my fault? I do take it over a lot of gravel on the way to the park.

MAN: No, no, gravel shouldn't do that. That's a defect. The trouble is, our return window is thirty days, so I can't just hand you a new stroller. But the manufacturer's warranty covers it. They'll send a new wheel at no charge, which usually takes about a week.

WOMAN: A week? We don't have a car. This stroller's how we get everywhere, and he's got his shots at the clinic on Thursday.

MAN: Right. And I can't let you keep using it, not with that ring. Give me a minute with my manager, okay?

Section 2

MAN: Okay, so I can't lend you the display model, but there's a returned one in the back, somebody's exchange. You can use it until your wheel comes in.

WOMAN: Oh! Thank you. What would that cost?

MAN: Nothing, but there's a $50 deposit, and you get that back when you bring it in. Now, I should warn you, it's an older model. Heavy. It takes two hands to fold, and the basket's tiny.

WOMAN: How heavy? I'm on the third floor, and the elevator's not great. Still, it beats carrying him to the clinic. Can I put the deposit on my—

MAN: Any card's fine.

Section 3

WOMAN: Hi! I got your message. I've brought the tank back. My arms have never been so strong.

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MAN: Ha, I did warn you. Your own stroller's all set. New wheel, and I ran it up and down the aisle myself.

WOMAN: Oh, wow, that's so much lighter.

MAN: Also, my manager feels bad about the whole thing, so you can pick something from that shelf, on the house. We've got stuffed animals, blankets, diaper bags, those cup holders that clip on the handle.

WOMAN: Oh, that's lovely. Well, he's got more stuffed animals than he can hold. And a cup holder, hmm, I'd only spill. Ooh, this blanket's soft, I'll take— no, wait. My mother's been knitting him one since June. The diaper bag, then. Mine's held together with a safety pin.

MAN: Good pick. Now, that leaves your $50. Did you pay with—

WOMAN: This card, yes, it's right here. And no, before you ask, I'm not buying the tank.

MAN: Ha! Wasn't going to ask. Okay, just pop it in here for me.

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Part 2: A New Desk at Work

MAN: Whoa, since when do you have a desk that goes up and down? I came by to drop off these invoices, and for a second I thought you'd gotten taller.

WOMAN: Ha, funny. It came on Monday. My back's been killing me since about March, and my physiotherapist finally told me that eight hours a day in a chair was the worst thing I could be doing to it.

MAN: So the company just bought it for you? Because I've been asking for a new chair for two years, and all I ever get is a form.

WOMAN: Well, no, I filled out the form too. They pay half if you've got a note from a health professional, and the other half came out of my own pocket. Honestly, I'd have paid the whole thing if I'd known—

MAN: That it'd fix your back?

WOMAN: No, it hasn't fixed anything yet. Actually, the first two days were awful. I was on my feet the entire time, because I figured that was the point, and by Tuesday night I could barely climb the stairs at home.

MAN: So you've gone back to sitting?

WOMAN: Half and half. That's what my physio meant, apparently, and I just wasn't listening. You switch every half hour or so. See, there's my watch buzzing, and up it goes. The back's still sore in the morning, but by three in the afternoon it hurts a lot less.

MAN: Huh. Doesn't the motor drive everybody crazy, though? I mean, I sit right on the other side of that wall.

WOMAN: It just moved. While you were talking. Did you notice?

MAN: Okay, no. Fair enough. You know, I might fill out that form myself. Not for my back, my back's fine. It's just that I keep nodding off after lunch.

WOMAN: I don't think they'll pay for that. You'd still need the note, remember.

MAN: Well, my brother-in-law's a chiropractor. He could write me something…

WOMAN: I didn't hear that. Give me those invoices.

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Part 3: Calling a Court Information Line

WOMAN: Small claims information line, this is Joanne. How can I help?

MAN: Hi, yeah, um, I've never done this before. I hired a contractor in the spring to rebuild our back deck. I paid him $4,500 up front, he built about half of it, and then, well, he just stopped showing up. I've sent him eleven text messages, and I'm done being polite. How do I sue him?

WOMAN: Okay. I should say right away that I can walk you through the process, but I can't give you legal advice, so I couldn't tell you whether you'd win. Fair enough?

MAN: Sure. But I'd need a lawyer anyway, wouldn't I? Because if I'm paying a lawyer to get back $4,500, then there's really no—

WOMAN: No, no, you don't need one. Most people at small claims speak for themselves. You'd fill out a claim form, which you can do online, and pay a filing fee of about a hundred dollars.

MAN: Oh. That's less scary than I thought. So I just put down his name, Dave Kowalski, and—

WOMAN: Well, that's actually the thing to check. Does Dave work for himself, or does he have a company? If he has one, you've got to put the company's exact name on the form. Otherwise, even if you win, you may never collect a cent.

MAN: Huh. His truck says Kowalski Decks, but I've got no idea if that's a company.

WOMAN: The province's business registry will tell you. It's online, it takes a few minutes, and there's a small charge.

MAN: Okay. And can I add something for stress? My wife and I have been staring at half a deck for four months, and honestly it's been—

WOMAN: You can write down whatever you like. But what judges tend to look at is what you can put a number on. So, what would it cost to have somebody else finish the job? Get that estimate in writing, and keep the contract, photos and those text messages too.

MAN: Right, a guy's coming Saturday to look at it. So once I've got that, I file?

WOMAN: Not quite. Before you file, I'd send him a final letter saying what he owes and giving him a date to pay by, say, two weeks. You'd be surprised how many people find the money once they see the word court. Just make sure it's got the right name on it.

MAN: So I need that name before I write the letter. Okay. Well, my laptop's open right here. And I'm not texting him a twelfth time, I can tell you that.

WOMAN: Probably wise. Good luck with it.

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Part 4: A Bottle Crosses the Atlantic

NARRATOR: A retired fisher from Summerside, Prince Edward Island, has received an astonishing reply to a message he threw overboard nearly seven years ago. Wade Arsenault, sixty-eight, tossed a sealed bottle into the Gulf of St. Lawrence on the final day of lobster season, having scribbled a note challenging whoever found it to mail him a postcard of their local weather. He thought no more about it. Last month, however, an envelope arrived from the Outer Hebrides of Scotland, where schoolteacher Fiona Campbell had spotted the bottle among tangled seaweed while exercising her terrier along the shoreline. Remarkably, the reply almost went astray. Arsenault sold the house listed on his note in 2021, but its current owners recognized the name and hand-delivered the envelope to his retirement apartment. Oceanographer Lena Fraser, of Halifax, cautions against reading anything miraculous into the journey. Currents routinely carry debris eastward across the Atlantic, she explains, and the genuinely surprising element isn't the crossing but that somebody bothered to respond. Campbell's pupils have since begun exchanging letters with a Summerside classroom, and Arsenault, delighted but unrepentant, insists his next bottle will request a cheque.

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Part 5: A Meeting at the Tourism Office

Bethany: Okay, so council's given us until the end of the month. They want one idea for getting people here between November and March, and we've got $4,000 to do it.

Katrina: Four? I thought the grant was six.

Bethany: It was six. Then they fixed the roof on the arena.

Sean: Well, I still say a winter carnival. Snow sculptures, a chili cook-off, kids' races down by the wharf. People around here would love it.

Katrina: People around here, sure. That's my problem with it. We'd blow the whole budget entertaining folks who already live here, and none of them need a hotel room.

Sean: They'd bring their relatives.

Katrina: Would they? Look, you know what people ask about in the emails we get from Toronto? Storms. They've seen those videos of waves coming over the breakwater, and they want to sit by a window and watch it happen.

Sean: So we're selling bad weather.

Bethany: Hang on, that's actually not crazy. There's a town out on Vancouver Island that built a whole winter season around that.

Sean: Come on, Bethany, we can't book a storm. What do people do when the sea's flat and it's just grey and cold for three days? And where do they eat? The chowder place shuts at Thanksgiving. The bakery goes to weekends. Last February my sister came with her kids, and we ended up at the gas station eating—

Bethany: —the sandwiches, yes, you've told us.

Sean: Twice, I know. But it's true!

Katrina: No, he's right, that's the real catch. If everything's closed, one visit is all we'll ever get from anybody.

Bethany: So what if we don't ask them to stay open all winter? Pick four weekends, one a month, when the inn, the bakery and the chowder place all agree to open, and we advertise those.

Sean: Storm weekends.

Katrina: Except the storm doesn't know that. But then, if it's calm, there's still your chili thing. A small one, for the guests.

Sean: Oh, so now you like my chili.

Katrina: I like it for when the waves don't show up. And the ads, well, $4,000 doesn't go far in Toronto, but Halifax is only three hours away. I'd start there.

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Sean: And the owners? You've met Walter at the chowder place. He's in Florida by December every year. I've known him for twenty years, and I wouldn't bet on him.

Bethany: The bakery might go along. And the inn. But if it's only the inn and a bakery…

Katrina: That's not much of a weekend.

Bethany: No. It isn't.

Part 6: What Job Ads Should Say

NARRATOR: Few lines in a job advertisement provoke as much curiosity as the one that so often goes missing: the salary. Applicants may survive three rounds of interviews before discovering that a position pays thousands less than they currently earn. Several Canadian provinces have already begun compelling employers to disclose a pay range in public postings, and whether such a requirement should become universal is generating considerable debate.

NARRATOR: Nadia Rahman, a Winnipeg labour economist, regards mandatory disclosure as long overdue. Secrecy, she maintains, rewards whoever happens to negotiate most aggressively, and her research suggests that women and recent immigrants are the least likely to have any reliable sense of what a comparable position pays. When the figure is printed in the advertisement, the bargaining no longer begins in the dark. Rahman adds a practical argument: qualified candidates abandon the process when they finally learn the salary, which wastes weeks of everybody's time. Early figures from places with such rules appear to show only a modest narrowing of wage gaps, a result that, in her view, merely reflects how recently they were introduced.

NARRATOR: Greg Tanner, who runs a forty-person software firm in Moncton, has little patience for the idea. A small employer, he argues, simply can't match the wages of national corporations, and a posted figure allows them to outbid him before he's had any chance to describe what else he offers: flexible hours, a short commute, a genuine say in the business. He also foresees friction in his own office. Publish a range for a new hire, and every current employee will immediately compare it with their own paycheque, a conversation that he, for one, has never found pleasant. And the ranges themselves, Tanner predicts, will become meaningless, with companies advertising absurdly broad bands from $50,000 to $120,000 simply to satisfy the regulation. Pressed on whether candidates deserve to know the pay sooner, he suggests the second interview would be a reasonable moment to raise it.

NARRATOR: Rahman dismisses that as too little, too late, though she'd happily see regulators limit how wide a range may be. Tanner's anxiety about awkward conversations, one suspects, says more about the pay structures in question than about the law. Still, neither side can yet claim much evidence. Whether posted salaries ultimately narrow inequities or simply relocate the haggling may take another decade to determine.

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