# CELPIP Listening Practice Test 46

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# Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

## Renting a Moving Truck

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/46**

**1.** What is likely true about the man?

**A** He has driven large trucks before.
**B** He is moving his wife's sewing business.
**C** He has rented from this company before.
**D** He is unsure what size of truck to get.

**2.** Why does the woman warn the man about the largest truck?

**A** He may find it hard to handle.
**B** It cannot be returned in Fredericton.
**C** It is too small for a whole house.
**D** It is the most expensive to rent.

**3.** Why does the woman most likely ask about Friday?

**A** Prices are lower on weekdays.
**B** The office is closed on Saturdays.
**C** A smaller truck may be free that day.
**D** Friday is the day the truck is due back.

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**4.** What does the man decide to do?

**A** rent the largest truck available
**B** make two trips with a smaller truck
**C** move a day earlier than planned
**D** turn down the damage protection

**5.** What does the woman suggest about the man's credit card?

**A** It cannot be used to pay for trucks.
**B** It probably won't cover this rental.
**C** It covers all trucks under fifteen feet.
**D** It charges extra for one-way trips.

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**6.** What will the man use the dolly for?

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**7.** What must the man's brother do to drive the truck?

**A** pay a fee as a second driver

**B** arrive in Moncton on Thursday morning

**C** show his licence in person

**D** sign the contract by phone tonight

**8.** What does the man mean when he says, "He's going to love that"?

**A** His brother is excited to drive a truck.

**B** His brother would rather come on Thursday.

**C** His brother won't enjoy the early start.

**D** His brother is happy not to pay anything.

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## Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

### A Rainy Camping Weekend

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/46**

**9.** Why did the man use an old tent?

**A** His new tent was too small for the family.
**B** His brother-in-law offered it to him.
**C** He did not want to ruin his new tent.
**D** His new one had not arrived yet.

**10.** What does the man suggest about the bear?

**A** It forced the family to leave early.
**B** It made the trip more memorable.
**C** It damaged the family's cooler.
**D** It frightened his daughter badly.

**11.** Why did the family finally leave the campground?

**A** Their car would not start.
**B** The bear became aggressive.
**C** The rain flooded their tent.
**D** The ranger closed their site.

**12.** Why will the man use a garden hose before his next trip?

**A** to clean the borrowed tent
**B** to wash the car after the trip
**C** to practise putting up the tent quickly
**D** to test the tent for leaks

**13.** What is the man's attitude toward camping now?

**A** He is still eager to go.
**B** He has decided to give it up.
**C** He will only camp in his backyard.
**D** He thinks Algonquin is too far away.

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## Part 3: Listening for Information

### Travel Vaccines at the Pharmacy

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/46**

**14.** Why is the woman worried?

**A** She may not have enough time to prepare.
**B** Her mother does not want her to go on the trip.
**C** She has to sing at a high altitude.
**D** She is afraid of getting injections.

**15.** Why does the pharmacist mention the provincial app?

**A** so she can book an appointment with him
**B** so she can find a travel clinic
**C** so she can see which shots she has had
**D** so she can check her insurance

**16.** What does the pharmacist say about yellow fever?

**A** She must get it three weeks before leaving.
**B** It is needed for Cusco but not for Lima.
**C** The pharmacy can give it the same day.
**D** She probably does not need it.

**17.** What does the pharmacist think is the main health concern in Cusco?

**A** how her body reacts to the height
**B** catching hepatitis A from food and water
**C** yellow fever from mosquitoes
**D** the cost of the medication

**18.** What will the woman probably do before tomorrow?

**A** get the hepatitis A shot
**B** visit a travel clinic
**C** phone her parents' insurance company
**D** look up her immunization history

**19.** Why does the pharmacist advise her not to get the shot today?

**A** She might already be protected.
**B** The pharmacy is about to close.
**C** Her insurance must approve it first.
**D** She needs a prescription for it.

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## Part 4: Listening to a News Item

### Record Catch at an Ice-Fishing Derby

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/46**

**20.** Compared with last year, this year's derby

**A** lasted one day longer.
**B** attracted far more competitors.
**C** was held on a different lake.
**D** had fewer young participants than before.

**21.** Before he caught the pike, Ethan Moreau

**A** was about to stop for the day.
**B** had won a prize for young anglers.
**C** had widened the hole in the ice.
**D** had broken the record once before.

**22.** The derby's rules suggest that organizers

**A** reward only the most experienced anglers.
**B** allow winners to sell their catch.
**C** want to protect the fish in the lake.
**D** limit the number of people who enter.

**23.** We can infer that the derby

**A** will change its rules next year.
**B** benefited the wider community.
**C** was organized by local restaurants.
**D** was mainly intended for children.

**24.** Organizers believe more people came partly because

**A** a record catch was expected.
**B** registration fees were lowered this year.
**C** the fire department promoted it.
**D** the weather was warmer than usual.

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## Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

### Sharing One Car

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/46**

**25.** Why is Diana raising the topic now?

**A** She must make a decision about her car soon.
**B** Ben's car needs expensive repairs.
**C** The building is removing parking spots.
**D** Aaron has started a new job.

**26.** What does Diana mention to support her idea?

**A** Ben's commute is very long.
**B** Aaron uses the car every day.
**C** The SkyTrain is cheaper than gas.
**D** Parking has become more costly.

**27.** What can we infer about Ben?

**A** He wants to sell his own car.
**B** He has a short drive to work in Burnaby.
**C** He did not pay close attention to a building notice.
**D** He plays hockey with Aaron.

**28.** Why does Ben object when Aaron says he is at home on Sundays?

**A** He has to work on Sunday mornings.
**B** He fears his needs would always come last.
**C** He visits family in Chilliwack.
**D** He wants to drive Aaron to hockey.

**29.** What does Aaron imply about the car-share service?

**A** It is not available in Chilliwack.
**B** It is only offered in Victoria.
**C** It is cheaper than a monthly car payment.
**D** It could be costly for long trips.

**30.** Why does Diana mention her cousin?

**A** to suggest borrowing her cousin's car
**B** to explain why she visits Victoria
**C** to show that hourly rates are high
**D** to show occasional car-sharing saves money

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**31.** What is Ben's concern about insurance?

**A** New drivers always pay more for insurance.

**B** He may pay for others' accidents.

**C** His policy does not cover parking lots.

**D** The lease does not include insurance.

**32.** What is the best subject line for a follow-up message to the roommates?

**A** New schedule for using Ben's car

**B** One car for three? Need answers by Friday

**C** Car-share membership confirmed for weekends

**D** Aaron to pay for the recycling bin

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## Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

### Online Classes on Snow Days

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/46**

**33.** The report is mainly about

**A** how storms damage rural power lines.
**B** the history of snow-day announcements.
**C** replacing snow days with remote lessons.
**D** the cost of laptops for families.

**34.** Why does Desrosiers mention devices given out during the pandemic?

**A** to argue that the board overspent
**B** to show families have the equipment
**C** to explain why exams moved online
**D** to show that teachers are well trained

**35.** According to Desrosiers, lost school days are a problem because they

**A** hurt students facing important tests.
**B** force teachers to work in the summer.
**C** make bus routes more expensive.
**D** require parents to take time off.

**36.** Lindqvist says online classes may fail during storms because

**A** teachers get too little notice.
**B** homes may lose their connection.
**C** children prefer to go sledding.
**D** video lessons are too short.

**37.** Heather Lindqvist would most likely support

**A** online classes for all grades.
**B** remote snow days for teenagers only.
**C** a longer school year for every grade.
**D** a laptop for every child.

**38.** How does the speaker seem to feel about online snow days for young children?

**A** doubtful that they will catch on
**B** convinced that they are overdue
**C** annoyed that boards are still debating them
**D** worried about what they will cost families

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# Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

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# Answer key

## Part 1: Renting a Moving Truck

**1** D He is unsure what size of truck to get.

**2** A He may find it hard to handle.

**3** C A smaller truck may be free that day.

**4** C move a day earlier than planned

**5** B It probably won't cover this rental.

**6** C Picture C

**7** C show his licence in person

**8** C His brother won't enjoy the early start.

## Part 2: A Rainy Camping Weekend

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## Part 3: Travel Vaccines at the Pharmacy

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## Part 4: Record Catch at an Ice-Fishing Derby

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**24** D the weather was warmer than usual.

## Part 5: Sharing One Car

**25** A She must make a decision about her car soon.

**26** D Parking has become more costly.

**27** C He did not pay close attention to a building notice.

**28** B He fears his needs would always come last.

**29** D It could be costly for long trips.

**30** D to show occasional car-sharing saves money

**31** B He may pay for others' accidents.

**32** B One car for three? Need answers by Friday

## Part 6: Online Classes on Snow Days

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**34** B to show families have the equipment

**35** A hurt students facing important tests.

**36** B homes may lose their connection.

**37** B remote snow days for teenagers only.

**38** A doubtful that they will catch on

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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: Renting a Moving Truck

Section 1

**WOMAN:** Hi there. Picking up, or booking?

**MAN:** Booking, I think. I'm moving at the end of the month, from here in Moncton up to Fredericton, and I need a truck. The biggest one you've got, maybe? I honestly don't know how these sizes work. It's a three-bedroom house. Well, two bedrooms and an office, but the office is packed with my wife's sewing stuff, so…

**WOMAN:** Okay. For a whole house, most people take the twenty-six foot. But I'll be honest, if you've never driven anything that size, it's a handful. It won't fit in most driveways, and you have to watch for low bridges.

**MAN:** Hmm. I've driven a pickup. That's about it.

**WOMAN:** Then a lot of people in your spot take the fifteen-foot and do two trips. Or, since Fredericton's just under two hours away, there's a one-way option. You drop it at our Fredericton location instead of bringing it back here.

**MAN:** One way sounds better. Two trips would eat up the whole weekend. And the date? The thirtieth is a Saturday.

**WOMAN:** Let me look… The thirtieth. Hmm. End of the month is our busiest time. For the thirtieth, all I have left is the twenty-six foot. The smaller ones are all gone.

**MAN:** Oh. So it's the big one or nothing.

**WOMAN:** Not necessarily. Could you move on the Friday instead?

Section 2

**MAN:** Friday… I'd have to take a day off. My boss won't love it, but I've got some vacation left. What have you got on the Friday?

**WOMAN:** A fifteen-foot, one way to Fredericton. That's $189, plus forty cents a kilometre. And I'd really recommend the damage protection. It's $29 a day.

**MAN:** Twenty-nine? Doesn't my credit card cover rentals?

**WOMAN:** For cars, usually. For trucks this size, almost never. I'd check before you say no.

**MAN:** Huh. Okay, I'll call them tonight. Go ahead and put me down for the Friday.

Section 3

**WOMAN:** Okay, last thing. Do you need any equipment? Most people grab a dolly and some furniture pads.

**MAN:** A dolly, yes, for the fridge. Pads… how many?

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**WOMAN:** They come in bundles of twelve, $10 a bundle. For a three-bedroom, I'd take—

**MAN:** Two and an office.

**WOMAN:** Right, sorry. Then two bundles. Wrap anything wooden. And the pads go back with the truck, they're not yours to keep.

**MAN:** Got it. Oh, wait, my brother's helping me. Can he drive the truck too?

**WOMAN:** Only if he's on the contract. He'd have to come in with his licence when you pick up. There's no charge for a second driver.

**MAN:** He lives in Saint John, though. He's only getting here Thursday night.

**WOMAN:** Pickup opens at seven on Friday. If you both come in then, it takes ten minutes, and you're on the road by quarter past.

**MAN:** Seven. He's going to love that.

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## Part 2: A Rainy Camping Weekend

**WOMAN:** Hey, Rob! So how was the big camping weekend? You were so excited on Friday.

**MAN:** Ugh. Don't ask. Actually, no, do ask, I need to tell somebody. So we drove up to Algonquin, right? Four hours, with a seven-year-old. And maybe ten minutes after we got the tent up, it started pouring. And not just rain. Sideways rain.

**WOMAN:** Oh no. But you've got that fancy new tent, don't you? The one you showed me online?

**MAN:** That's the thing. I ordered it, but according to the tracking it's still sitting in a warehouse somewhere in Mississauga, so I borrowed my brother-in-law's old one. And, well, I found out at about two in the morning that the floor isn't waterproof anymore. My sleeping bag was basically a sponge.

**WOMAN:** So you just went home?

**MAN:** Not right away. We tried to tough it out. We sat in the car and played cards till the sun came up, and my daughter thought it was hilarious. Then Saturday morning the park ranger came by and said there was a bear hanging around the next site, because somebody'd left their cooler out.

**WOMAN:** A bear! Okay, that's when I'd have left.

**MAN:** Well, she said it wasn't aggressive, they just wanted everyone to lock up their food. Honestly, the bear was the best part. My daughter got a photo of it from the car window. She's already shown it to her entire class.

**WOMAN:** So what finally made you pack it in? The rain?

**MAN:** No, the car. We'd been running it all night for the heat, and Sunday morning the battery was dead. Completely. We waited three hours for a tow truck to come and give us a boost.

**WOMAN:** Oh, Rob. So, never again, I'm guessing?

**MAN:** Are you kidding? We're going back in August. But this time I'm setting the tent up in the backyard first. With the garden hose.

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### Part 3: Travel Vaccines at the Pharmacy

**WOMAN:** Hi, excuse me, are you the pharmacist? Someone said you could help with travel vaccines?

**MAN:** I am, yes. Where are you headed?

**WOMAN:** Peru. I'm going in, um, about three weeks, with my university choir. We're doing concerts in Lima, and then a few days of hiking near Cusco at the end. My mom keeps sending me articles, and now I'm worried I've left this way too late.

**MAN:** Three weeks is a bit tight, but it's usually workable. So, for Peru, the main one people ask about is hepatitis A. You get it from food and water. It's one shot now, and then a booster in six months to a year if you want long-term protection. Have you had it before?

**WOMAN:** I have no idea. I think I had a bunch of shots in high school?

**MAN:** Those were probably hepatitis B and a few others. Not usually A. Do you have your immunization record? Your family doctor would have it. Or, actually, in New Brunswick you can usually see it in the provincial health app.

**WOMAN:** Oh, I didn't know that. What about yellow fever? My mom's mentioned that one twice.

**MAN:** Good question. That one depends on where you're going. Lima and Cusco aren't really yellow fever areas, so it's generally not recommended for that route. If you were going into the Amazon, it would be a different story. And we don't actually give it here anyway. Only certain travel clinics do.

**WOMAN:** Okay. The Amazon is… not on the schedule, thank goodness. Anything else?

**MAN:** Honestly, for Cusco, the bigger issue isn't a vaccine at all. It's the altitude. It's over three thousand metres. Some people get headaches, nausea, trouble sleeping. There's a prescription medication that can help, but you'd need to see a doctor or a travel clinic for that.

**WOMAN:** Wow. And we're supposed to be singing up there. Okay. Is the hepatitis shot covered? I'm still on my parents' insurance.

**MAN:** Travel vaccines usually aren't covered by the province. It's $95 here, but your parents' plan might pay you back, so keep the receipt.

**WOMAN:** Okay. Can I just get it now, then?

**MAN:** I'd look at your record first. If you've already had it, there's no point paying twice. I'm here till six tomorrow.

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## Part 4: Record Catch at an Ice-Fishing Derby

**NARRATOR:** The annual ice-fishing derby in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, drew record crowds this weekend, and organizers say it also produced a catch that may never be beaten. More than eleven hundred anglers registered for the two-day competition, up from fewer than six hundred a year ago, transforming the frozen lake into a temporary village of colourful shelters. The highlight came Sunday afternoon, when fourteen-year-old Ethan Moreau hauled a northern pike measuring one hundred and twelve centimetres through a hole barely wide enough to let it through. Derby officials confirmed that the fish beat the event's previous record, set in 1998, by nine centimetres. Moreau, who was fishing with his grandfather, admitted he had already begun packing up his gear after six fruitless hours on the ice when the line suddenly went taut. In keeping with derby rules, the pike was measured, photographed and promptly released back into the lake. Organizers credit the surge in attendance partly to a winter that has so far spared the region its customary bitter cold, and partly to new prizes for younger anglers. Local businesses also welcomed the crowds, with several restaurants reporting their busiest weekend since summer. Registration fees, totalling roughly $40,000, will go to the town's volunteer fire department.

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## Part 5: Sharing One Car

**Diana:** Okay, so, the car thing. My lease is up at the end of March, and I have to tell the dealer by Friday whether I'm buying it or handing it back.

**Aaron:** And you're thinking of handing it back and… we all just share Ben's?

**Diana:** No! Well, not exactly. I'm thinking, why are three people in one apartment paying for three cars? Aaron, you drive, what, twice a week?

**Aaron:** Hey, I drive to hockey. And to the grocery store.

**Ben:** Hold on. I never agreed to share my car. I'm the one with the forty-minute commute to Burnaby.

**Diana:** I know, I'm not saying it has to be yours. I'm saying we keep one car, whichever makes the most sense, and split everything. Insurance, gas, parking. We're paying for three parking spots right now, and the building just raised them to $90 a month each.

**Ben:** Ninety? Since when?

**Diana:** Since the notice under the door last week. You didn't read it, did you?

**Ben:** I… skimmed it.

**Aaron:** Okay, but the real problem is scheduling. Ben leaves at seven every morning. If he takes the car, it's gone all day.

**Diana:** I already take the SkyTrain to work. I mostly use the car on weekends, to see my mom in Chilliwack. That's the part I'm worried about, because every second weekend I need it the whole day.

**Aaron:** And my hockey's Sunday nights. Late. The arena's in Coquitlam, and the game doesn't end till eleven-thirty.

**Ben:** So Sunday's the problem. Diana's in Chilliwack, Aaron's at the rink—

**Aaron:** —and you're at home, not needing it at all.

**Ben:** Sure, but I don't want to be the guy who never gets the car on a Sunday just because I'm the only one without plans.

**Diana:** What about one of those car-share memberships for the odd day it doesn't work? My cousin uses one in Victoria. It's about $15 an hour, but she only needs it maybe twice a month, so it's still way cheaper than her old car payment.

**Aaron:** Fifteen an hour, all the way to Chilliwack and back? That's a whole day.

**Diana:** They do day rates too. I think. I'd have to check.

**Ben:** And whose name is the insurance in? If somebody dents it in the arena parking lot, it's my premium that goes up.

**Aaron:** Why is it always me denting things in your head?

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**Ben:** The recycling bin. Last month.

**Aaron:** That was the wind!

**Diana:** Okay. Okay. Can we at least agree it's worth figuring out?

**Ben:** I'll think about it. Ask me again once I've seen the insurance numbers.

**Diana:** Friday, though. The dealer needs an answer by Friday.

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### Part 6: Online Classes on Snow Days

**NARRATOR:** When a winter storm buries a Canadian town, the morning radio announcement that schools are closed has long been a cherished part of childhood. Since the pandemic, however, that tradition faces an unlikely adversary: the laptop. Having shown that lessons can continue remotely, several school boards are now debating whether snow days should simply become online learning days. Advocates argue the technology removes any excuse for lost instruction; skeptics question whether a hastily arranged video lesson amounts to genuine learning.

**NARRATOR:** Paul Desrosiers, a superintendent in a rural Quebec school board, supports the change. His region routinely loses eight to ten days each winter to storms, and those absences, he argues, pile up, and the damage falls hardest on graduating students heading into their provincial examinations. Teachers in his board now prepare a simple plan in advance, so that when buses are cancelled, classes move online by nine o'clock. Desrosiers concedes that a remote day is not equal to a regular one, but maintains that a modest lesson beats no lesson at all. He also points out that most families already own the necessary devices, many of them handed out by the board itself during the pandemic. Parents, he says, have largely welcomed the plan, and attendance on the first online storm day last January was higher than many teachers had expected.

**NARRATOR:** Heather Lindqvist, a grade-four teacher and parent in northern Ontario, is considerably less enthusiastic. The very storms that close schools, she observes, tend to bring down the lines that carry electricity and internet to rural homes, which is hardly a promising start for a video lesson. In her own town, several families share a single computer among three or four children, while parents who work in hospitals or drive snowplows cannot sit beside young learners at home. Besides, she adds, few eight-year-olds can stay focused on a screen for more than an hour, however lively the teacher. The result, she warns, is that students who are already struggling fall further behind, while their luckier classmates carry on. Lindqvist also defends the snow day itself as worth preserving: a rare, unplanned pause in an increasingly scheduled childhood.

**NARRATOR:** Some boards have tried a compromise, requiring online lessons only for high school students, whose independence makes remote learning more realistic. Lindqvist, tellingly, raises no objection; her worries, after all, were always about the youngest learners. Desrosiers, predictably, dismisses it as a half-measure. Still, one suspects that for younger children, the sledding hill will outlast the video call.

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