# CELPIP Listening Practice Test 93

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# Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

## A Late Bike Repair

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/93**

**1.** Why isn't the woman's bike ready?

**A** The mechanic was off sick for part of the week.
**B** The shop lost track of her repair order.
**C** Extra work turned up once the job had begun.
**D** She asked for more than a basic tune-up.

**2.** Why didn't the woman hear from the shop?

**A** They called her at work instead of at home.
**B** Her number had been noted incorrectly.
**C** The mechanic forgot to phone her.
**D** She had not checked her messages.

**3.** What does the woman's reply about the delivery show?

**A** She thinks the repair will cost too much.
**B** She would rather fetch the parts herself.
**C** She plans to ride another bike on Sunday.
**D** She has real doubts about the new deadline.

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**4.** What did the woman misunderstand?

**A** what the man was proposing
**B** how soon the repair could be finished
**C** which part the supplier had sent wrong
**D** how late the shop stays open

**5.** What does the man say about the cost?

**A** She will get a discount on the floor model.
**B** She will pay only what she owed already.
**C** Labour is free because of the mistake.
**D** The borrowed gears will cost extra.

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**6.** How much will the woman pay today?

**A** $175
**B** $220
**C** $155
**D** $135

**7.** Why does the man advise against a new tire today?

**A** The shop has no tires in stock.
**B** The old tire is fine on wet roads.
**C** The repair would take longer than she can wait.
**D** The ride is too close to try something new.

**8.** What does the man say will need replacing soon?

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



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## Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

### Big News at Work

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/93**

**9.** How does the woman feel about the news?

**A** delighted, yet uneasy about seeming older
**B** nervous about the long trip to Halifax
**C** doubtful her daughter is ready for a baby
**D** sorry to use up her vacation days

**10.** What does the man assume at first?

**A** that the baby is due later in the year
**B** that her son is the one expecting
**C** that her daughter lives close by
**D** that she heard the news from Laura's husband

**11.** What does the man's reaction suggest about Laura?

**A** She has always wanted a large family.
**B** She works with animals for a living.
**C** She used to reject having children.
**D** She lives close to her mother.

**12.** Why does the man describe his first visit as a grandparent?

**A** to explain where his odd nickname comes from
**B** to complain about his son-in-law
**C** to show how close he is to his grandson
**D** to hint that she should not rush out there

**13.** What will the woman probably do?

**A** travel later than she first intended
**B** ask her daughter to come to her at Easter
**C** book the first week of March after all
**D** keep her vacation days for the summer

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## Part 3: Listening for Information

### Booking a Move-Out Cleaning

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/93**

**14.** Why is the man calling?

**A** to complain about a cleaning that cost him money
**B** to arrange help getting a rental ready to hand back
**C** to find a company that can steam-clean his carpets
**D** to ask for a receipt for an earlier cleaning

**15.** Why does the man mention his previous landlord?

**A** to explain why he is moving out
**B** to ask the company to contact the landlord
**C** to show why he wants proof of the work
**D** to ask whether his deposit is refundable

**16.** What did the man misunderstand?

**A** how much the package would cost
**B** which rooms the cleaners would skip
**C** when the crew could begin working
**D** what time the inspection would begin

**17.** What must the man do to get a free return visit?

**A** have his landlord call the company directly
**B** send photos of the problem areas
**C** be at home while the crew cleans
**D** call promptly once the inspection is done

**18.** What does the woman say about the carpets?

**A** Her crew cannot give them a deep clean.
**B** They are included at no extra cost.
**C** Most landlords never look at them.
**D** They must be done before the movers come.

**19.** What will the man probably do after the call?

**A** book a steam clean with the partner company
**B** move his inspection to a later day
**C** ask the movers to arrive earlier
**D** check a condition in his rental agreement

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## Part 4: Listening to a News Item

### Reading to Dogs

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/93**

**20.** Ferreira started the program after noticing that some children

**A** rarely came to the library after school.
**B** grew nervous reading to an audience.
**C** were bored by the books on offer.
**D** were afraid of dogs and other animals.

**21.** According to Ferreira, the dogs help because they

**A** make the library a livelier place.
**B** help children concentrate for longer.
**C** seem to follow along with the story.
**D** never show impatience or judgement.

**22.** The story of the eight-year-old suggests that he

**A** now looks forward to reading.
**B** has a golden retriever of his own.
**C** used to lose his library books.
**D** reads to his mother each Tuesday.

**23.** Ferreira says the sessions

**A** can replace reading lessons for some pupils.
**B** are open to children of every age.
**C** are mainly meant to restore self-belief.
**D** already include a Saturday group.

**24.** The dogs taking part

**A** belong to members of the library staff.
**B** must pass a fresh check every year.
**C** were trained by Ferreira herself.
**D** visit local schools on weekends.

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## Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

### The Soccer Field Problem

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/93**

**25.** What did Ahmed misunderstand?

**A** how many children are in the league
**B** why the city is closing the field
**C** how long the closure will last
**D** where the church field is located

**26.** Why does Penny bring up the registration fees?

**A** to suggest raising the fee next year
**B** to point out that cancelling would be costly
**C** to complain that registration opened far too early
**D** to explain why so many children joined

**27.** What is Penny's concern about the high school field?

**A** It has no lights for evening games.
**B** It is too small for the older players' games.
**C** Games would end too late for the youngest.
**D** The teacher might not let them use it.

**28.** What does Danielle propose after Ahmed objects to the church field?

**A** splitting the age groups between sites
**B** moving every game to Saturday mornings
**C** running the season into July instead
**D** borrowing the church hall for practices

**29.** How does Ahmed know about the Westview field?

**A** He played there as a teenager.
**B** He read about it in the city's email to them.
**C** He rented it for last season.
**D** He knows a staff member through coaching.

**30.** Why does Ahmed bring up refunds again?

**A** to argue that the added expense is worth it
**B** to suggest the league cancel the season
**C** to ask Penny to check the league's bank account
**D** to show that the church charges too much

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**31.** What is Penny's attitude toward the two-site plan?

**A** opposed because of the added costs

**B** willing, but wary of the extra work

**C** enthusiastic, since it avoids refunds

**D** indifferent as long as children play

**32.** What is the best subject line for a message to the city?

**A** Booking request for a turf field

**B** Washroom access at the church

**C** Keeping half of Riverside open in May?

**D** Refunds for spring registration

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## Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

### Older Drivers and Road Tests

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/93**

**33.** Strand's argument rests on the idea that declining drivers

**A** usually give up night driving by choice.
**B** tend to be open with their doctors.
**C** should lose their licences at eighty.
**D** can't be relied on to judge themselves.

**34.** Why does Strand mention family doctors?

**A** to show why current checks may be unreliable
**B** to suggest doctors should run road tests
**C** to argue that doctors know patients best
**D** to explain who would pay for the tests

**35.** Penner raises the situation in rural areas in order to

**A** show what drivers there stand to lose.
**B** argue that country roads are more hazardous.
**C** show where examiners are hardest to find.
**D** propose more buses and taxis outside cities.

**36.** Penner compares two drivers of very different ages to show that

**A** young drivers should also be retested.
**B** older drivers are rarely distracted.
**C** experience matters more than reflexes.
**D** a birthday says little about skill.

**37.** The speaker suggests that the low collision figures for older drivers

**A** owe something to their cautious habits.
**B** prove that road tests for seniors are unnecessary.
**C** come mostly from rural communities.
**D** were gathered by Strand's own team.

**38.** The speaker's view of Penner's alternative is

**A** openly dismissive.
**B** strictly neutral.
**C** enthusiastic and without doubts.
**D** favourable but guarded.

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# Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

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# Answer key

## Part 1: A Late Bike Repair

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**6** C $155

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**8** C Picture C

## Part 2: Big News at Work

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## Part 3: Booking a Move-Out Cleaning

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## Part 5: The Soccer Field Problem

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## Part 6: Older Drivers and Road Tests

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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 Late Bike Repair

Section 1

**WOMAN:** Hi, I'm picking up my bike. Last name Kowalski. You said it'd be ready today.

**MAN:** Kowalski… Blue hybrid, tune-up, dropped off Monday?

**WOMAN:** That's the one.

**MAN:** I'm afraid it's still on the stand in the back. When Marco started on it, he found the chain was stretched, and once a chain gets that worn, it chews up the gears on the back wheel. So he's waiting on a new set of those.

**WOMAN:** Waiting? Nobody phoned me. I came over on the bus on my lunch hour.

**MAN:** There's a note that he called Tuesday and left a message… at a number ending in four-four-one.

**WOMAN:** Four-one-four. Somebody wrote it backwards.

**MAN:** Ah. That explains it. I'm really sorry.

**WOMAN:** So when will it be done? I'm riding in a fundraiser on Sunday, and I've trained on that bike all summer.

**MAN:** The parts should come in on tomorrow's delivery. If they're on the truck, Marco can finish it by five tomorrow.

**WOMAN:** If they're on the truck.

**MAN:** Tell you what. I'll call our distributor after lunch to make sure your order's on there, and I'll call you back before three. At the right number.

Section 2

**WOMAN:** Hello?

**MAN:** Hi, Ms. Kowalski, it's Ben from Northside Cycle. Good news and bad news.

**WOMAN:** Okay…

**MAN:** The chain came in this morning, but the supplier sent the wrong size gears. They won't fit your wheel.

**WOMAN:** Oh, you're kidding me. So that's it for Sunday.

**MAN:** Not necessarily. We've got a brand-new hybrid on the floor that's almost identical to yours. I could take the gears off that one for your bike.

**WOMAN:** Wait, I'm not buying a new bike. I just spent—

**MAN:** No, no, I'm explaining this badly. You'd keep your bike. We'd borrow the part from the new one, and when the right gears arrive, they go on the floor model. You'd only pay for the parts you were

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paying for anyway.

**WOMAN:** Oh! Well, that's… clever. And it'd be ready today?

**MAN:** Marco says by four. Come by any time after that.

**WOMAN:** I work until five-thirty. Are you open after that?

**MAN:** Until six. We'll leave it right by the door.

Section 3

**WOMAN:** Hi, it's me. Made it with ten minutes to spare.

**MAN:** There she is, by the door like I promised. Marco took it around the block twice. Shifts like butter.

**WOMAN:** Great. What do I owe you?

**MAN:** The tune-up is $90, and the chain and gears come to $85. But I've knocked twenty off for the phone number mix-up.

**WOMAN:** Oh, you didn't have to. Thanks.

**MAN:** One thing, though. Your back tire is worn pretty thin. It'll get you through sixty kilometres on Sunday, but I wouldn't take it into November, when the roads get wet.

**WOMAN:** How much is a new one?

**MAN:** About $45, installed. We could do it while you wait, but honestly, I wouldn't change anything two days before a long ride. Ride on what you've trained on.

**WOMAN:** Makes sense. Can I set up a time for next week, then?

**MAN:** Sure. Let me pull up the calendar.

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## Part 2: Big News at Work

**MAN:** You've been smiling at your screen all morning. Either the quarterly numbers are better than I thought, or something's up.

**WOMAN:** Something's up. I got a call last night. I'm going to be a grandmother. In March.

**MAN:** Hey, congratulations! So Kyle and Jess didn't waste any time, huh? They only got married in—

**WOMAN:** No, no, not Kyle. It's Laura.

**MAN:** Laura? Your Laura? The one who said she'd rather adopt six dogs than ever change a diaper?

**WOMAN:** That's the one. Apparently people grow up. I nearly dropped the phone. And honestly, Raj, I'm thrilled, I really am, but part of me keeps thinking, grandmother? Me? I still do spin class three mornings a week. When my mother became a grandmother, she wore cardigans and did crosswords. And Laura's already asking what the baby should call me.

**MAN:** Ha. Pick something before the kid picks for you. My grandson calls me Boop, and I have no idea why. So, are you heading out to Halifax when the baby comes?

**WOMAN:** That's the plan. I've been saving vacation days since spring. I was going to book the first week of March, so I'm there the minute it happens.

**MAN:** Can I tell you something I learned the hard way? When our first grandchild came along, my wife and I were on the doorstep before they'd even got home from the hospital. We meant well. But they were exhausted, everybody was giving advice, and my son-in-law… well, let's just say he didn't open the door with a big smile. The second time, we waited a month, and we were actually useful. Cooking, laundry, taking the baby out so they could sleep.

**WOMAN:** Hmm. I hadn't thought of it like that. Laura does get prickly when she's tired. So maybe instead of the first week of March, I should be looking at Easter.

**MAN:** Now you're talking. And bring that spin-class energy. You'll need it at three in the morning.

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### Part 3: Booking a Move-Out Cleaning

**WOMAN:** Good afternoon, Brightway Cleaning, this is Tanya speaking.

**MAN:** Hi, yes. I'm moving out of my apartment at the end of the month, and I'm hoping to book what you call a move-out clean? I saw it on your website, but it didn't really say what's included.

**WOMAN:** Sure. How big is the place?

**MAN:** Two bedrooms, one bathroom. About eight hundred square feet. It's in Saskatoon, near the university.

**WOMAN:** Then our move-out package for that size is $280. That covers everything a landlord usually checks: inside the oven and the fridge, inside all the cupboards and drawers, the baseboards, the light switches, and the bathroom from top to bottom. Windows are inside only.

**MAN:** Okay. I'll be honest, the reason I'm calling is that my last landlord kept $400 of my deposit for what he called cleaning, and I never saw a single receipt. I'm not letting that happen twice.

**WOMAN:** That's very common, unfortunately. When we finish, we give you a dated checklist with photos of every room. Most landlords don't argue with that.

**MAN:** Perfect. Now, timing. My movers come on the thirtieth at eight in the morning, so I was thinking your people could start at the same time, maybe do the kitchen while they—

**WOMAN:** Ah, I'm afraid not. Our cleaners only start once the unit is completely empty. If boxes are still going out the door, they can't do the floors or the cupboards properly, and our insurance doesn't cover working alongside a moving crew.

**MAN:** Oh. I just assumed you'd sort of work around them. Okay, so… after?

**WOMAN:** I have a crew free at two that afternoon. Would the movers be finished by then?

**MAN:** They said four or five hours, so… it'll be tight, but yes. The inspection is the next morning at ten.

**WOMAN:** Good. And if your landlord points out anything we missed, call us within forty-eight hours of the inspection and we'll come back at no charge.

**MAN:** Great. Oh, what about the carpets? There's carpet in both bedrooms.

**WOMAN:** We vacuum them, but we don't do steam cleaning. A lot of leases in the city require a receipt from a carpet company, though. Does yours?

**MAN:** Hmm. I signed it two years ago, so I honestly couldn't tell you. It's in a box somewhere. Possibly one that's already taped shut.

**WOMAN:** Well, if it does, I can give you the name of a company we work with. They'll often come the same afternoon as us.

**MAN:** Let me find out first. Can you pencil me in for two o'clock on the thirtieth in the meantime?

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**WOMAN:** Done. I'll just need a phone number and a way for the crew to get in.

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### Part 4: Reading to Dogs

**NARRATOR:** Some of the most attentive listeners at a public library branch in Prince George this fall have four legs and a wagging tail. Every Tuesday after school, children in grades one to four sign up for fifteen-minute sessions in which they read aloud to a trained therapy dog. The program was launched in September by children's librarian Nadia Ferreira, who had noticed that many struggling readers became visibly anxious when asked to read in front of classmates, or even their own parents. A dog, she points out, doesn't correct mispronunciations, doesn't sigh, and never glances at the clock. The six participating dogs and their volunteer handlers are certified through a regional therapy-animal organization, which screens every animal for temperament and requires an annual reassessment. Parents report encouraging results. One mother says her eight-year-old son, who once hid his library books under the bed, now practises whole chapters at home so he'll be prepared for his Tuesday companion, a gentle golden retriever named Biscuit. Ferreira cautions that the sessions are no substitute for classroom instruction, describing them instead as a way of rebuilding confidence. Demand has already exceeded expectations, with more than forty families on a waiting list. The library hopes to add Saturday sessions in January, provided additional volunteers come forward.

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## Part 5: The Soccer Field Problem

**Danielle:** So, you've both seen the email from the city. Riverside field closes on May fifteenth for drainage repairs.

**Ahmed:** I saw it. I nearly choked on my cereal. That's our whole season. Two hundred kids and nowhere to put them until September.

**Danielle:** Well, not September. It says it reopens July second.

**Ahmed:** Oh. I read “closed for the summer” and stopped there. Okay, July. That's still six weeks of games.

**Penny:** Six weeks families have already paid for. Ninety-five dollars a kid, and half of them registered back in February. If we just cancel, we're looking at refunds, and our account can't take that.

**Ahmed:** Nobody's cancelling. Here's what I'm thinking. Westview High has a full-size turf field with lights. I coach my daughter's team with one of the gym teachers there, and he says it's free most weeknights.

**Penny:** After what time?

**Ahmed:** Six-thirty. Games could run from six-thirty to eight-fifteen.

**Penny:** For the under-twelves, sure. But our under-eights? Some of those kids are in pyjamas by eight. You'd have parents dragging sleepy six-year-olds off a field in the dark… well, not dark in June, but you know what I mean.

**Danielle:** What about St. Andrew's? The church has that grass field behind the hall. Saturday mornings, it's empty.

**Ahmed:** It's tiny, though. We'd never fit a nine-a-side game on it.

**Danielle:** We wouldn't have to. The little ones play seven-a-side anyway. So… the older kids go to Westview on weeknights, and the younger ones get Saturday mornings at the church.

**Penny:** That's two sites, two sets of volunteers, two sets of keys. And St. Andrew's doesn't have washrooms we can use. I asked last year when we wanted it for picture day. We'd be renting portable toilets.

**Ahmed:** Which costs what, a couple of hundred a month? Compare that to refunding even a fraction of two hundred families—

**Penny:** I'm not saying no. I'm saying I'm the one who'll be answering the phone when a parent drives to the wrong field.

**Danielle:** Fair. Before we split anything, though, I'd like to try one thing. The notice says drainage repairs. The drains are under the north end, by the parking lot. Last time they fixed the bleachers, they only fenced off half the park.

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**Ahmed:** You think they could do it in stages?

**Danielle:** I think nobody's asked them. And if the south half stays open in May, the under-eights could stay right where they are.

**Penny:** And if they say no?

**Danielle:** Then we're back to this conversation. With better coffee, hopefully.

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### Part 6: Older Drivers and Road Tests

**NARRATOR:** For many older people, a set of car keys stands for far more than a way to get around. It means doing the shopping without asking favours, visits to the doctor kept on time, and the quiet dignity of coming and going as one pleases. That is exactly why one proposal now floated by road-safety officials has provoked such heated reactions: once a driver turns eighty, the idea goes, a licence should be renewed only after a fresh road test, with an examiner in the passenger seat.

**NARRATOR:** Helena Strand, a researcher who studies collision data, thinks the idea is long overdue. Reaction time, peripheral vision and the capacity to judge oncoming traffic, she argues, deteriorate so gradually that drivers themselves rarely register the change. Too often, she says, a family knows for a year or more that something is wrong and says nothing at all. Several provinces already rely on vision screening or a physician's report, but in Strand's view those safeguards are flimsy. A family doctor who has treated a patient for twenty years is understandably reluctant to deliver news that could end that patient's independence. An examiner, by contrast, has no relationship to protect. A single drive around the block will never reveal everything, of course, yet it remains, in her view, the only assessment that actually watches someone drive.

**NARRATOR:** Arthur Penner, who speaks for a seniors' advocacy coalition, finds the proposal both insulting and misdirected. Age, he contends, is a remarkably blunt instrument: a healthy eighty-three-year-old may drive far more cautiously than a distracted twenty-five-year-old, yet only one of them would be summoned for an examination. Penner points to figures showing that drivers over eighty are involved in fairly few collisions per licence holder. That statistic flatters them somewhat, since many already avoid highways, rush hour and night driving, and per kilometre travelled, their record looks a good deal less reassuring. Penner, however, regards that very restraint as evidence that older drivers manage their limitations sensibly. In small rural towns without buses or taxis, he warns, a failed test can mean isolation, missed appointments and a sharp decline in wellbeing.

**NARRATOR:** His alternative is targeted assessment, triggered by a collision, a police officer's observation or a worried relative, combined with restricted licences permitting, say, daytime driving within a familiar radius. It is an appealing compromise, and arguably a fairer one. Its weakness is that it depends on someone noticing a problem and being willing to speak up, which is the very hesitation Strand found among doctors and families. A system that waits for warning signs may, in the end, be waiting for the first serious crash.

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