CELPIP Reading Practice Test 110

A free full-length CELPIP-General Reading practice test from CELPass.com: all 4 parts and 38 questions in the real test order, an answer sheet, the answer key and a score chart.

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How to take this test

1. Do all 4 parts in one sitting in about 55–60 minutes, timing each part.
2. Mark your answers on the answer sheet. Wrong answers lose no points, so answer every question.
3. Check your answers with the answer key and count your correct answers for an estimated CLB.

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Part 1: Reading Correspondence

Time: about 11 minutes

A Basement Room for Six Weeks

> Dear Aisha,
>
> Your mother phoned me last week with the news that you've been placed at the hospital here in Corner Brook for your final nursing placement, and I've hardly stopped smiling since. The last time I saw you, you were six years old and refusing to let go of your mother's hand at my wedding, so I find it hard to believe you'll soon be the one taking care of patients! I hope you'll forgive me for writing before we've properly spoken, but I wanted to make you an offer before you sign a lease somewhere else.
>
> Gerald and I have a furnished room in our basement with its own small bathroom, and it is yours for the six weeks if you want it. We won't accept rent. Your mother and I shared a tiny apartment in St. John's for four years when we were students, and she fed me through more exam weeks than I can count, so I consider this a very small repayment. If you insist on helping, though, there is one thing. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings I work late at the lab, and our old dog, Biscuit, would be thrilled to have someone take him around the block.
>
> Now for a few practical matters. The house is about a twenty-five-minute walk from the hospital, mostly uphill on the way home, and in February the sidewalks can be treacherous, so please bring proper winter boots and some ice grips for your soles. The first bus doesn't run early enough for a seven o'clock shift, but since I work in the hospital lab myself, I can drive you whenever our schedules line up. If you email me your placement schedule once you have it, we can work out the rides in advance.
>
> You should also know that Gerald leaves for work at five in the morning, so he is usually asleep by nine. The basement is quite private, but we'd appreciate it if you kept music and phone calls low after that. The kitchen is yours to use, and the Wi-Fi is reliable, which I'm told matters a great deal to people your age.
>
> Please don't feel obliged to say yes. If you'd rather live closer to your classmates, I'll completely understand, and I would still love to have you over for a meal.
>
> Warmly,
>
> Maureen Kelly

1. What is the main purpose of Maureen's letter?

A to ask Aisha to look after her dog
B to offer Aisha a place to stay
C to invite Aisha to work at the lab
D to suggest apartments near the hospital

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2. How does Maureen know Aisha?

A She once taught Aisha at nursing school.
B She works with Aisha's mother at a hospital.
C She is an old friend of Aisha's mother.
D She supervises students on placement.

3. What does Maureen ask Aisha to do in return for the room?

A help with the dog on certain evenings
B pay a small amount toward the bills
C cook dinner on the nights she works late
D drive Gerald to work in the mornings

4. Why does Maureen mention Gerald's working hours?

A to show that he can drive Aisha early
B to explain why he could not write himself
C to suggest that Aisha use the kitchen early
D to explain why the house should be quiet at night

5. What does Maureen say about getting to the hospital?

A The bus is the quickest way to arrive on time.
B She can give Aisha a lift on some days.
C The walk is easy at any time of year.
D Gerald will be able to drive her most mornings.

6. Maureen advises Aisha to

A sign a lease before February.
B bring a device to connect to the internet.
C pack footwear suited to icy conditions.
D avoid walking home after dark.

Here is a response to the message. Complete the response by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down menu.

> Dear Maureen,
>
> Thank you so much for your kind letter. When I read it to Mom, she laughed and said she still remembers **(7)** _____ during your student days.
>
> I would love to accept your offer of the room, and I'm more than happy to **(8)** _____ on the evenings you work late. I grew up with a dog, and I really miss having one around.
>
> My placement begins on February 3, and I should receive my shifts in mid-January. I'll **(9)** _____ as soon as I have them, so we can see which mornings we can travel together.

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> Please don't worry about noise. I know Gerald **(10)** _____, so I'll keep my music down in the evenings.
>
> Thank you also for the warning about the sidewalks. I've already ordered **(11)** _____.
>
> See you in February,
>
> Aisha

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** teaching you how to drive **B** helping to plan your wedding **C** sharing a room at the hospital **D** making sure you were well fed

8. **A** get Biscuit out for some exercise **B** make dinner for you and Gerald **C** put something toward the groceries **D** pick you up from the lab

9. **A** pass them on to Gerald **B** check the bus times for them **C** email them to you **D** post them on your fridge

10. **A** works late at the lab **B** starts work very early **C** uses the basement as an office **D** dislikes having dogs indoors

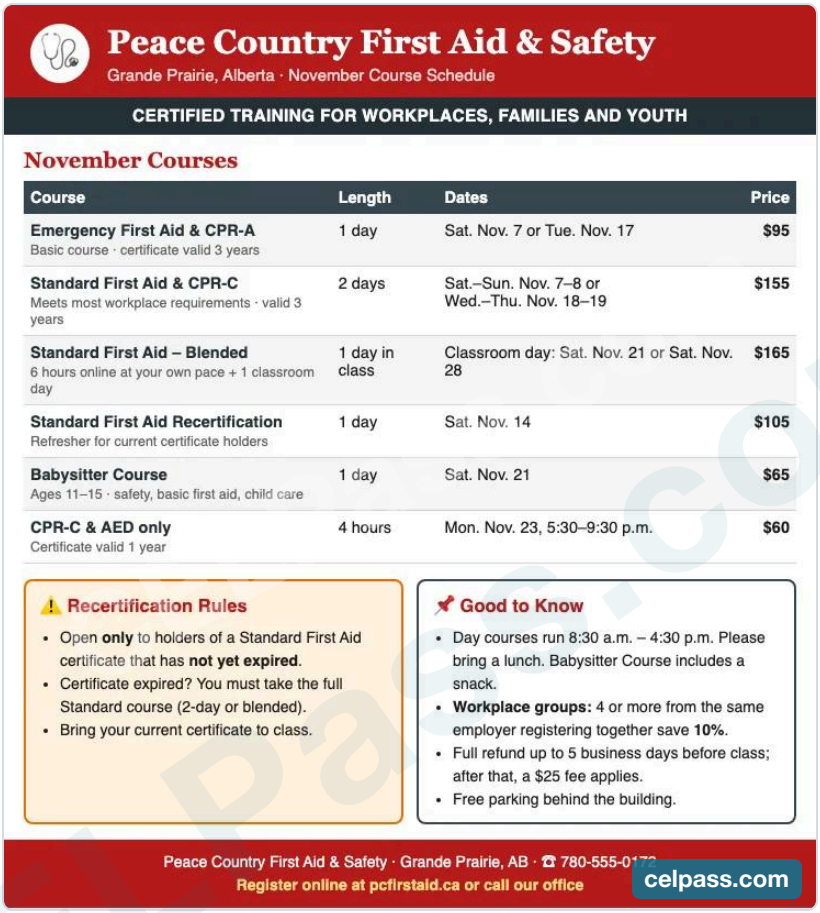
11. **A** a bus pass for February **B** a warmer winter coat **C** a new bicycle helmet **D** spikes that slip over my boots

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Choosing First Aid Courses in Grande Prairie



Peace Country First Aid & Safety

Grande Prairie, Alberta · November Course Schedule

CERTIFIED TRAINING FOR WORKPLACES, FAMILIES AND YOUTH

November Courses

Course	Length	Dates	Price
Emergency First Aid & CPR-A Basic course · certificate valid 3 years	1 day	Sat. Nov. 7 or Tue. Nov. 17	**$95**
Standard First Aid & CPR-C Meets most workplace requirements · valid 3 years	2 days	Sat.–Sun. Nov. 7–8 or Wed.–Thu. Nov. 18–19	**$155**
Standard First Aid – Blended 6 hours online at your own pace + 1 classroom day	1 day in class	Classroom day: Sat. Nov. 21 or Sat. Nov. 28	**$165**
Standard First Aid Recertification Refresher for current certificate holders	1 day	Sat. Nov. 14	**$105**
Babysitter Course Ages 11–15 · safety, basic first aid, child care	1 day	Sat. Nov. 21	**$65**
CPR-C & AED only Certificate valid 1 year	4 hours	Mon. Nov. 23, 5:30–9:30 p.m.	**$60**

⚠ Recertification Rules

- Open **only** to holders of a Standard First Aid certificate that has **not yet expired**.
- Certificate expired? You must take the full Standard course (2-day or blended).
- Bring your current certificate to class.

📌 Good to Know

- Day courses run 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please bring a lunch. Babysitter Course includes a snack.
- **Workplace groups:** 4 or more from the same employer registering together save **10%**.
- Full refund up to 5 business days before class; after that, a $25 fee applies.
- Free parking behind the building.

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Read the following email message about the diagram on the left. Complete the email by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down menu.

> Subject: First aid before December
>
> To: Kwame Boateng
>
> From: Renée Lavoie
>
> Hi Kwame,
>
> At Monday's staff meeting, Dr. Singh reminded us that everyone at the clinic needs a valid Standard First Aid certificate by December 1, so I picked up this schedule on my way home.
>
> You mentioned that your certificate is good until January, so the one-day **(12)** _____ on the 14th would be enough for you. Mine ran out in August, though, which means I **(13)** _____.
>
> Weekends are tricky because I coach Amélie's ringette team on Sundays, and weekdays at the front desk are a zoo, so the **(14)** _____ option suits me best. I can do most of it online in the

evenings. I'll do my classroom day on **(15)** _____, since Luc has his babysitter course on the 21st and I have to drive him.

He turned twelve last month and has been begging to start babysitting for the neighbours. At least he won't go hungry, since **(16)** _____.

Also, Marisol and Tyler in the lab need to renew theirs too, so if the four of us register together, we'll each save ten percent. Could you let me know by Friday?

Renée

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** refresher course **B** Emergency First Aid course **C** babysitting course **D** evening CPR class

13. **A** can still join you on the 14th **B** only need the evening CPR class **C** should bring my old certificate **D** have to take the full course again

14. **A** two-day weekend **B** blended **C** two-day weekday **D** Emergency First Aid

15. **A** November 7 **B** November 14 **C** November 28 **D** November 21

16. **A** the course includes a snack **B** the class lasts only four hours **C** parking behind the building is free **D** lunch is provided for every student

17. Renée and Kwame know each other because they

A met at an earlier first aid course.
B coach the same ringette team.
C work at the same clinic.
D live in the same neighbourhood.

18. What is true about Renée's son?

A He needs a certificate for his job.
B He coaches younger children at ringette.
C He is too young for the babysitter course.
D He wants to start looking after other people's children.

19. When Renée says weekdays at the front desk are "a zoo," she means they are

A noisy because of the animals.
B very busy and hectic.
C dull and slow-moving.
D short of trained staff.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Five-Pin Bowling: A Toronto Original

Paragraph A

Bowling has been played in one form or another for centuries, but one version of the game is almost entirely Canadian. Five-pin bowling was created in the early 1900s by Thomas F. Ryan, who ran a bowling club in downtown Toronto. According to the story usually told, some of his customers, many of them businessmen who dropped in during their lunch hour, complained that the traditional ten-pin game was too tiring and took too long. Ryan responded by having a set of ten-pin pins shaved down to a smaller size and replacing the heavy ball with one that fit in the hand. The result was a lighter, faster game that could be enjoyed during a short break from the office.

Paragraph B

The equipment is what sets five-pin apart from its older cousin. The ball is small enough to be held in the palm of the hand, has no finger holes, and weighs less than two kilograms. The pins are smaller as well, and each one has a thick rubber band around its widest part, which makes the pins bounce and scatter in lively ways when they are struck. The lanes, however, are the same length as ten-pin lanes. As a result, many bowling centres in Canada are able to offer both games under one roof, sometimes switching some of their lanes from one game to the other.

Paragraph C

Scoring is also quite different. The five pins are set up in a V shape, and they are not all of equal value: the centre pin, known as the head pin, is worth five points, the two pins beside it are worth three points each, and the two pins at the corners are worth two each, for a total of fifteen. Instead of the two balls allowed in ten-pin, a player gets three balls in each of the game's ten frames. Knocking down all five pins with the first ball is a strike, and because strikes earn bonus points, the highest possible score is 450. A perfect game is extremely rare, and many keen bowlers never manage one.

Paragraph D

Today, five-pin bowling is played almost exclusively in Canada, and for many Canadians it brings back childhood memories of birthday parties, school outings and Saturday-morning youth leagues. Because the ball is so light, even young children can play the same game as adults. However, the number of bowling centres has dropped over the past few decades, as rising costs and changing leisure habits forced many to close their doors. Those that remain have looked for new ways to bring in customers, adding music and coloured lights for evening "glow bowling," as well as expanded food and drink menus. Supporters argue that the game is a piece of Canadian heritage worth keeping alive.

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Decide which paragraph, A to D, has the information given in each statement below. Select E if the information is not given in any of the paragraphs.

20. Some places can use the same lanes for either kind of bowling. _____

21. The game was originally meant for people who had little free time. _____

22. Ryan's new version of the game made him a wealthy man. _____

23. Knocking down one pin may earn more points than knocking down another. _____

24. Many places to bowl have gone out of business in recent decades. _____

25. Bowlers get an extra attempt in each frame compared with the older game. _____

26. Players do not need to put their fingers inside the ball. _____

27. The first five-pin pins were made from a lighter wood than ten-pin pins. _____

28. Bowling centres are offering new kinds of entertainment to attract business. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Westmere's Proposed Drive-Through Ban Debate

> Westmere, a fast-growing city of about 70,000, already has 23 drive-throughs, and four further applications sit on the planning department's desk. Should Councillor Naomi Laflamme prevail, those four may be the last ever approved: she proposes amending the zoning bylaw to forbid new drive-throughs citywide, while allowing existing ones to remain.
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> Laflamme accuses the municipality of undermining its own objectives, professing a commitment to walkable neighbourhoods and reduced emissions while approving "another lot designed around a line of idling cars." Particularly galling are lineups that overflow parking lots during the morning rush, obstructing bus stops and bike lanes. "The immediate effect would be slight," she admits, "but each new outlet locks in thirty more years of car-first design."
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> Craig Dempsey, owner of two coffee franchises with drive-throughs, charges that the proposal overlooks the actual clientele. "Roughly seventy percent of my sales pass through the window, many to parents with sleeping children, people with mobility difficulties and tradespeople on short breaks," he says. The queue at his Pembina Street location, he does not deny, regularly backs onto the road, and a second ordering lane there could be built at his expense. "Punishing businesses that haven't opened yet remedies nothing," he insists.
>
> Femi Adeyemi, a transportation engineer who has reviewed traffic studies across the Prairies, is unimpressed by the idling argument: "Set against the distances Westmere's vehicles travel daily, a lot's worth of waiting engines scarcely registers." The defect he identifies is design, many older sites having been built to accommodate only six or seven cars. He recommends mandatory capacity for twelve, with entrances set well back from busy intersections, while allowing that a drive-through makes little sense beside a rapid-transit station.
>
> For Shirley Vandermeer, the debate is personal. Her backyard faces a twenty-four-hour burger outlet whose headlights and ordering speaker keep her awake past midnight, and two complaints earned only the reply that the volume satisfies municipal rules. She has publicly applauded Laflamme's initiative, but continues pressing separately for overnight restrictions on outlets adjoining homes. A hearing follows early next year.

29. Who, like Adeyemi, would fix lineups through site design?

A Naomi Laflamme
B Craig Dempsey
C Shirley Vandermeer
D parents with sleeping children

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30. How would Dempsey answer complaints about his queue?

A by funding changes at one site
B by moving more orders indoors
C by opening a second Pembina Street outlet
D by closing at morning rush

31. How would Adeyemi answer Laflamme on idling cars?

A It holds only beside transit stations.
B It applies only to older sites.
C It fades if lots hold twelve cars.
D It overstates waiting vehicles' pollution.

32. Which of these follows from the article?

A Dempsey's lane would satisfy Laflamme.
B The ban would shorten Pembina's lineup.
C Vandermeer's complaint would remain.
D A twelve-car rule would quiet Vandermeer's evenings.

33. The article might best be titled

A "Should Westmere Brake on New Drive-Throughs?"
B "Can Westmere Afford to Lose Its Drive-Throughs?"
C "Drive-Throughs Blamed as Westmere's Emissions Keep Rising"
D "Westmere Drivers Wait as Lineups Keep Growing"

The following is a comment by a visitor to the website page. Complete the comment by choosing the best option to fill in each blank.

> Driving along Pembina Street every morning, I know precisely what the councillor means: lineups **(34)** _____. Sitting in that line is nobody's idea of a good start to the day. My own coffee stop, I admit, has a window. But a blanket prohibition strikes me as excessive.
>
> To his credit, the franchise owner **(35)** _____, which is more than most proprietors would volunteer. The engineer's prescription of **(36)** _____ addresses the cause instead of the symptom.
>
> I sympathize with the neighbour whose backyard is lit all night, but her torment stems from **(37)** _____. Her overnight proposal deserves a separate discussion. Council should **(38)** _____ at the hearing, holding the ban in reserve should that fail.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** growing with every outlet **B** spilling onto the road **C** fouling the morning air **D** starving nearby shops

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35. **A** calls the exhaust trivial **B** defends window service for busy parents
C has backed a twelve-car minimum **D** admits one site's flaw

36. **A** more room for waiting cars **B** fewer outlets near transit stations
C a second lane at each site **D** capped overnight hours

37. **A** an outlet awaiting approval **B** a volume above municipal limits
C a restaurant already open **D** a lineup on her street

38. **A** hear from all four applicants **B** exempt coffee outlets
C approve the four pending applications **D** try stricter design first

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10 _____	11 _____	12 _____
13 _____	14 _____	15 _____	16 _____
17 _____	18 _____	19 _____	20 _____
21 _____	22 _____	23 _____	24 _____
25 _____	26 _____	27 _____	28 _____
29 _____	30 _____	31 _____	32 _____
33 _____	34 _____	35 _____	36 _____
37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

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Part 3: Five-Pin Bowling: A Toronto Original

20 B

21 A

22 E

23 C

24 D

25 C

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27 E

28 D

Part 4: Westmere's Proposed Drive-Through Ban Debate

29 B Craig Dempsey

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Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
37–38	CLB 12
35–36	CLB 11
33–34	CLB 10
31–32	CLB 9
28–30	CLB 8
24–27	CLB 7
19–23	CLB 6
15–18	CLB 5
10–14	CLB 4

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