CELPIP Reading Practice Test 114

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.

Part	Topic	Questions	Time
Part 1: Reading Correspondence	An Offer to Share a Sailboat	1–11	about 11 minutes
Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram	Finding a Shared Workspace in Moncton	12–19	about 9 minutes
Part 3: Reading for Information	Nunavut: Canada's Newest Territory	20–28	about 10 minutes
Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints	School Street Closures in Ashby Debate	29–38	about 13 minutes

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.

Prefer to take it on screen? The same test is free online at celpass.com/celpip/reading/practice-tests/114, marked as you go, with an estimated CLB. More free tests: celpass.com/celpip/practice-tests-pdf

CELPIP-format practice material from CELPass.com. Not official CELPIP material and not affiliated with Paragon Testing Enterprises. Free to download and print for your own practice; please do not resell it or remove the CELPass.com marks.

Part 1: Reading Correspondence

Time: about 11 minutes

An Offer to Share a Sailboat

> Dear Rhonda,
>
> It was such a treat to run into you at the farmers' market last Saturday. After all those years of sharing an office at the hospital, it felt strange to have only ten minutes to catch up, especially with your grandson tugging at your sleeve the whole time. You mentioned that you'd love to get back on the water now that you're retired, and I haven't been able to stop thinking about it since.
>
> Here's my idea. My brother-in-law, Clifford, is selling his sailboat, a twenty-six-foot sloop called the Kittiwake. He had a knee replacement last year, and his doctor has told him his sailing days are over. He's asking $14,000, which is well below what boats like her usually sell for, because he wants her to go to someone he knows. I can't manage that on my own, but if we bought her together, we would each pay $7,000 and split the yearly costs as well. Clifford says mooring, insurance and the winter haul-out come to roughly $3,800 a year.
>
> I know what you're thinking: partnerships can ruin friendships. My cousin once shared a cottage with a friend, and they haven't spoken since. That's why I think we should put everything in writing before we buy, including how we would divide the weekends, who pays for repairs and what happens if one of us wants to sell. I would suggest alternating weekends, with each of us taking the boat for one full week in the summer.
>
> You were always a better sailor than I am. I've only taken a basic course, while you raced for years, so I'd be counting on you to teach me how to handle her in rough weather. In return, I'm happy to take care of the varnishing and small repairs, since you've told me more than once that you can't stand that kind of work.
>
> Clifford has promised to give me until the end of the month before he advertises the boat. He's also offered to take us out on her next Sunday afternoon if the weather cooperates, so you can see how she sails before deciding anything.
>
> Please think it over. I won't be offended if the answer is no, but I would love to have a sailing partner again.
>
> All the best,
>
> Bernard

1. How do Bernard and Rhonda know each other?

A They raced sailboats together.
B They used to work together.
C They are related by marriage.
D They met at a farmers' market.

CELPass.com

2. Why is Clifford selling his boat?

A A health problem has ended his sailing.
B He needs money for an operation.
C He has bought a bigger boat.
D He can no longer afford the yearly costs.

3. The Kittiwake's price is low because Clifford

A must sell her before the winter haul-out.
B has not kept her in good repair.
C has already advertised her widely.
D wants someone he knows to have her.

4. Why does Bernard mention his cousin?

A to suggest a possible third partner
B to recommend a cottage for the summer
C to explain the need for a written deal
D to explain how he first learned to sail

5. What does Bernard offer to do in return for sailing lessons?

A pay the yearly mooring costs himself
B take care of upkeep on the sailboat
C give Rhonda the boat every weekend
D teach Rhonda to sail in rough weather

6. Next Sunday, Rhonda will probably have the chance to

A sign the agreement about the partnership.
B meet the cousin who shared a cottage.
C watch Clifford advertise the sailboat.
D see how the Kittiwake handles on the water.

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 Bernard,
>
> What a lovely letter, and thank you for thinking of me! I'm sorry that **(7)** _____ cut our chat so short at the market.
>
> I've looked at a few boats like the Kittiwake online, and you're right: half of her at that price is **(8)** _____. It would be foolish to pass it up.
>
> I also agree about putting everything in writing. Your plan to **(9)** _____ sounds fair to me, and we can work out the rest together.

CELPass.com

I'll happily teach you how to handle her in rough weather, and I'm delighted to leave **(10)** _____ to you. You know me too well.

Please tell Clifford I'd love to **(11)** _____, weather permitting. I'll bring the sandwiches. It's been far too long since I felt salt spray on my face.

Fondly,

Rhonda

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** the market closing early **B** your brother-in-law's arrival **C** my grandson's impatience **D** my shift at the hospital

8. **A** a real bargain **B** a risky investment **C** an unusual design **D** the usual market price

9. **A** split the purchase price three ways with Clifford
B race her in competitions every summer weekend
C keep her in the water all through the winter
D take turns on weekends and each get a summer week

10. **A** the insurance and mooring fees **B** the maintenance chores I dislike **C** the winter haul-out costs **D** the planning of our weekends

11. **A** take a basic course first **B** see her once she is advertised **C** come out sailing on Sunday **D** visit him after his surgery

CELPass.com

Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Finding a Shared Workspace in Moncton



Tidewater Cowork

Shared workspace on Main Street · Moncton, NB

FIRST VISIT FREE · BOOK YOUR TRIAL DAY ONLINE (PHOTO ID REQUIRED)

Membership Plans

Plan	Price	Access	Meeting room	Also includes
Day Pass	$25 / day	Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.	—	Shared desk, coffee
Flex 8	$140 / month	8 days a month, Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.	2 hrs / month	Shared desk, coffee
Resident	$260 / month	Unlimited days, Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.	5 hrs / month	Mailing address
Dedicated Desk	$375 / month	24 hours a day, 7 days a week (key fob)	8 hrs / month	Your own desk, lockable drawer, mailing address

Extra meeting room time: $15 per hour. Phone booths are free for all members.

Save More

Pay 12 months up front	1 month free
Students (valid ID)	10% off Flex 8
Refer a friend who joins	$25 credit

Dog-Friendly Fridays: well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome every Friday.

Getting Here

Underground parking (Resident & Dedicated Desk only)	$60 / month
Street parking	2-hour limit
Bike storage	Free

Two minutes from the downtown bus terminal.

Tidewater Cowork · Main Street, Moncton

Book a tour or trial: tidewatercowork.ca

celpass.com

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: Escaping the kitchen table
>
> To: Joel Arsenault
>
> From: Nadia Haddad
>
> Hi Joel,
>
> Remember how we used to grumble at the agency about the noisy open office? Funny how I miss it now. Six months of freelancing at my kitchen table has been plenty, so I've been looking at Tidewater Cowork on Main Street.
>
> I'd only need a desk about eight days a month, so for me the **(12)** _____ plan makes the most sense. You, on the other hand, would be there every day, and you often work late into the night when a deadline is coming, so you'd need a plan with **(13)** _____. It also comes with **(14)** _____

of meeting room time each month, which should cover your client calls. And if you paid for a whole year at once, you'd **(15)** _____.

Parking could be a nuisance for me, though. Since my plan doesn't give me access to the garage, I'll have to move my car every couple of hours.

Before either of us signs up, why don't we **(16)** _____? I'm thinking next Friday, so Pepper could come along too.

Honestly, after all those years of trading ideas over coffee, having you at the next desk might be just the ticket.

Talk soon,

Nadia

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Flex 8 **B** Day Pass **C** Resident **D** Dedicated Desk

13. **A** a lockable drawer **B** unlimited weekday visits **C** access at any hour **D** a mailing address

14. **A** five hours **B** two hours **C** unlimited time **D** eight hours

15. **A** save ten percent **B** get one month free **C** receive a $25 credit **D** get free parking

16. **A** each buy a day pass **B** tour it on a Saturday **C** rent the meeting room **D** book a free trial day

17. Nadia and Joel know each other because they

A are members of the same cowork.
B studied graphic design together.
C once worked for the same agency.
D live in the same apartment building.

18. Why is Nadia looking for a workspace?

A She has had enough of working at home.
B Her agency has closed its office.
C Her kitchen is about to be renovated.
D She needs a room to meet her clients.

19. When Nadia says that sharing the space "might be just the ticket," she means it could be

A too expensive for them.
B exactly what they need.
C a short-term arrangement.
D a way to win new clients.

CELPass.com

Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Nunavut: Canada's Newest Territory

Paragraph A

On April 1, 1999, the map of Canada changed for the first time in fifty years when Nunavut officially became the country's third territory. Carved out of the eastern part of the Northwest Territories, it is by far the largest of Canada's provinces and territories, covering about one-fifth of the country's land. Yet it has fewer people than any of them, with a population of under 40,000. The great majority of its residents are Inuit, and the territory's name means "our land" in Inuktitut. Before 1999, these communities had been governed from Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories, far to the west.

Paragraph B

The new territory was the result of decades of effort by Inuit leaders, who wanted a government that reflected the people of the eastern Arctic. In 1982, voters across the Northwest Territories approved the idea of dividing the territory, and ten years later a second vote settled where the new boundary would run. In 1993, Inuit representatives and the federal government signed the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the largest land claim settlement in Canadian history. The talks leading to it had begun in the 1970s. Under it, Inuit gained ownership of a large area of land and a share of the money earned from resource development on public lands, and Ottawa committed to creating the new territory.

Paragraph C

Nunavut's government works differently from those in most of Canada. Its legislature has no political parties. Members are elected as independents, and after each election they choose the premier and cabinet ministers from among themselves by secret ballot. Elections are held every four years, as in most provinces. The territory has four official languages: Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, English and French. The government also aims to be guided by Inuit traditional knowledge, known as Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, which values ideas such as working together for a common purpose and respecting the land. The capital is Iqaluit, on Baffin Island, a city that was called Frobisher Bay until 1987.

Paragraph D

Life in Nunavut's twenty-five communities involves challenges that most Canadians never face. No road links any of them to the rest of the country or to one another, so people and most goods arrive by air, while heavy supplies such as fuel, building materials and vehicles come by ship during the short summer season. As a result, food and housing cost far more than in southern cities. Many residents still hunt and fish, and country food such as caribou, seal and Arctic char remains an important part of the diet. Nunavut also has the youngest population in Canada, with a median age

CELPass.com

> well below the national figure. Its flag reflects the territory's identity: an inuksuk, a stone landmark built by Inuit, stands at its centre, beside a blue star representing the North Star.

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. Elected members, rather than voters, decide who leads the territory's government. _____

21. Some large deliveries can reach the territory only at certain times of year. _____

22. Most debates in Nunavut's legislature are held in Inuktitut. _____

23. Nunavut has the smallest population of any province or territory. _____

24. Inuit were promised part of the income from developing natural resources. _____

25. The territory's capital has not always had the same name. _____

26. Nunavut's population has grown quickly since the territory was created. _____

27. Residents had a say in where the territory's borders would be drawn. _____

28. Nunavut's median age is considerably lower than that of Canada as a whole. _____

CELPass.com

Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

School Street Closures in Ashby Debate

> For thirty minutes every school morning, Larch Street in Ashby falls quiet. Orange barriers seal both ends of the block outside Riverside Elementary, leaving the roadway to children on foot, bicycles and scooters while parents linger and a crossing guard waves at familiar faces. This “school streets” pilot, conducted at two schools this year, may be extended to all eleven of Ashby’s elementary schools.
>
> Harjit Sandhu, the municipality’s active transportation planner, finds the evidence persuasive. At the pilot schools, the proportion of students arriving under their own power rose from 38 to 51 percent, with no collisions recorded during closures. “Parents have long wanted their kids to walk, but they balked at forty cars converging at once,” he reports. Closures would cover the half hour before the morning bell and another after dismissal, and residents holding permits could still drive slowly in and out.
>
> Melanie Corbeil, whose two children attend Riverside, is less effusive. Her shift at a care home begins at 8:30, and the school lies on her way. “Families like mine aren’t driving out of laziness,” she protests. Since the barriers appeared, she parks two blocks away and escorts the children in, frequently arriving late. Her verdict: “Go around that corner and you’ll see the same cars as before.”
>
> Victor Mendes, a retired electrician on Poplar Crescent, one block from the school, reports that his formerly tranquil street now accumulates idling cars every morning. “Twice this spring I couldn’t back out of my own driveway.” Disavowing any hostility to the concept, he wants the surrounding streets studied before further barriers appear.
>
> Dr. Fiona Lachance, a public health professor who researches children’s activity, endorses the program while tempering expectations. Walkers tend to arrive more alert, and distancing engines from entrances diminishes the exhaust children inhale. “But closing one block doesn’t do much for a child facing a busy road ten minutes from home,” she says, and her research ranks distance and dangerous intersections above congestion at the gate in parents’ reckoning. She advocates pairing closures with crossing guards and new sidewalks on principal routes.

29. Corbeil’s remark about the cars is supported by

A Fiona Lachance
B Harjit Sandhu
C Victor Mendes
D parents wanting kids to walk

CELPass.com

30. What would Sandhu cite to show traffic deterred parents?

A no collisions during closures
B permit holders still drove through
C parents lingered after drop-off
D more students walk or cycle

31. Which saying best sums up Dr. Lachance's caution?

A "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link."
B "Too many cooks spoil the broth."
C "A stitch in time saves nine."
D "People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

32. What can be inferred about the proposal?

A All eleven schools asked to join.
B Traffic could pass most hours.
C Cyclists would be barred.
D Permit holders would park outside.

33. A fitting headline would be

A "Ashby's Walking Rates Slip Despite School Barriers"
B "Ashby Approves Barriers at All Schools"
C "School Streets: Should Ashby Go Citywide?"
D "Why Ashby's Parents Reject School Streets"

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.

> A grandmother walking two grandchildren to Riverside each morning, I hope council says yes. The pilot's figures are difficult to dismiss: **(34)** _____. I do sympathize with the care-home worker, who **(35)** _____; those rushed mornings remain vivid to me. My two now chat the whole way instead of staring at screens. Still, a few more steps seem a modest price for a safer entrance.
>
> The retired electrician rightly points out that **(36)** _____, and that deserves study. Above all, I side with the professor. Her plea for **(37)** _____ answers the fear that every walking grandparent knows.
>
> Should council both approve the plan and **(38)** _____, families will wonder why we waited.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** traffic near Riverside eased **B** more children got moving **C** parents stopped driving near Riverside **D** crossing guards proved unnecessary

35. **A** walks her children in before work **B** lives too far to walk **C** works an overnight shift **D** must collect her children at dismissal

CELPass.com

36. **A** residents' passes are hard to obtain **B** his entrance has been sealed
C closures start too early for families **D** congestion has merely moved

37. **A** closures at every school gate **B** less exhaust near entrances
C crossing guards and sidewalks **D** a survey of nearby streets

38. **A** extend the half-hour closure **B** issue more permits
C limit closures to Riverside another year **D** make routes safer too

CELPass.com

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 _____		

CELPass.com

Answer key

Part 1: An Offer to Share a Sailboat

1 B They used to work together.

2 A A health problem has ended his sailing.

3 D wants someone he knows to have her.

4 C to explain the need for a written deal

5 B take care of upkeep on the sailboat

6 D see how the Kittiwake handles on the water.

7 C my grandson's impatience

8 A a real bargain

9 D take turns on weekends and each get a summer week

10 B the maintenance chores I dislike

11 C come out sailing on Sunday

Part 2: Finding a Shared Workspace in Moncton

12 A Flex 8

13 C access at any hour

14 D eight hours

15 B get one month free

16 D book a free trial day

17 C once worked for the same agency.

18 A She has had enough of working at home.

19 B exactly what they need.

Part 3: Nunavut: Canada's Newest Territory

20 C

21 D

22 E

23 A

24 B

25 C

26 E

27 B

28 D

Part 4: School Street Closures in Ashby Debate

29 C Victor Mendes

30 D more students walk or cycle

31 A "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

32 B Traffic could pass most hours.

33 C "School Streets: Should Ashby Go Citywide?"

34 B more children got moving

35 A walks her children in before work

36 D congestion has merely moved

37 C crossing guards and sidewalks

38 D make routes safer too

CELPass.com

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

An estimate: CELPIP converts raw scores with a table for each test form, so the real cut-offs vary a little.

What is your level in all four skills? Create a free account at celpass.com for a free diagnostic with a predicted CLB in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, and AI scoring of your Speaking and Writing.

CELPass.com