CELPIP Reading Practice Test 121

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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

Bringing Grandpa's Old Truck Back to Life

> Dear Uncle Ray,
>
> I hope you and Aunt Carol had a good trip to the coast. Mom told me you came back with a sunburn and about twenty pounds of smoked salmon, which sounds like exactly the right way to spend a holiday.
>
> I'm writing because of Grandpa's truck. As you know, he left me his 1972 pickup, and since the spring it has been sitting in my garage in Calgary under a tarp. I keep promising myself I'll do something with it, and this week I finally took it to a shop to find out what it would need. The good news is that the frame is solid and there's very little rust underneath, which the mechanic said was rare for a truck that age. The bad news is everything else. The brakes have to be completely redone, the wiring is "a fire waiting to happen," and the engine needs a rebuild. The shop quoted me almost eleven thousand dollars, and that's before any bodywork or paint.
>
> I'll be honest: for a few days I thought about selling it. A collector in Red Deer has already offered me six thousand dollars for it as it is. But every time I lift the tarp, I remember Grandpa letting me steer it down the farm lane when I was about eight, sitting on his lap with both hands on the wheel, and I just can't do it.
>
> So here is my idea, and please say no if it's too much to ask. You spent thirty years fixing engines, and you know this truck better than anyone. Would you be willing to let me bring it out to Vernon in July so we could work on it together in your shop? I have three weeks of holidays, and I would happily do all the heavy lifting if you could tell me what I'm doing. I'd pay for every part, of course, and I could rent a trailer to haul it out there. A friend of mine who rebuilds motorcycles has offered to help me with the wiring once it's back in Calgary, so we would only need to tackle the brakes and the engine.
>
> I know Aunt Carol has been hoping to finally get the shop cleared out, so I'd understand if the timing isn't right. If it helps, I could stay at the motel in town rather than in your spare room.
>
> Let me know what you think. Either way, I'd love to see you both this summer.
>
> Your nephew,
>
> Owen

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

A to tell his uncle about an offer he has accepted
B to find out whether his uncle would like the truck
C to ask for his uncle's hands-on help with a project
D to invite his uncle to spend the summer in Calgary

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2. What did the mechanic find unusual about the truck?

A Its wiring had been replaced not long before.
B Its underside was largely free of corrosion.
C Its engine needed only minor repairs.
D Its brakes were still in working order.

3. Why has Owen decided not to sell the truck?

A The collector did not offer him enough money.
B He expects it to be worth a lot more once it is restored.
C His mother asked him to keep it in the family.
D It brings back a childhood memory of his grandfather.

4. Owen offers to

A buy whatever parts are needed.
B pay his uncle for his time and advice.
C rebuild the engine with a friend in Calgary.
D help Aunt Carol empty out the shop.

5. Who is going to help Owen with the truck's electrical system?

A his uncle in Vernon
B the mechanic who first inspected the truck in Calgary
C a friend with experience repairing motorbikes
D the collector from Red Deer

6. What does Owen suggest about Aunt Carol?

A She would prefer that Owen sell the truck.
B She may not want the shop filled up again.
C She has already offered Owen the spare room.
D She will be away at the coast in July.

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 Owen,
>
> Your letter made my week. I'm glad Dad's truck went to someone who **(7)** _____, and I would be delighted to help you bring it back to life.
>
> Bring it out in July. Don't worry about **(8)** _____; she has waited ten years for an empty shop and says a few more weeks won't hurt. And forget the motel. You'll stay with us.
>
> Your mechanic is right that a solid frame is **(9)** _____ on a truck that old; most of the ones I worked on were rusted right through. Three weeks should be plenty for **(10)** _____, as long as the parts arrive on time, so send me the list from the shop and I'll start ordering.

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> Your grandfather always said that at eight, steering down **(11)** _____, you had a better feel for the wheel than most grown men. Let's get it back on the road for him.
>
> Love,
>
> Uncle Ray

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** values it for more than its price **B** could afford to have it fully restored **C** would sell it to a collector one day **D** already knows how to rebuild engines

8. **A** your mother **B** your aunt **C** your friend **D** the collector

9. **A** easy to find **B** costly to repair **C** a safety risk **D** hard to come by

10. **A** the wiring and the brakes **B** the bodywork and the paint **C** the brakes and the motor **D** the motor and the wiring

11. **A** the old farm road **B** the highway into town **C** a lane in Calgary **D** our driveway in Vernon

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Ski Lessons at Kettle Ridge



Kettle Ridge Ski & Snowboard Hill

Family hill · 14 runs · night skiing Wednesday to Saturday · Sudbury, ON

WINTER LESSON PROGRAMS · PROGRAMS START THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9

Lesson Programs (price per person, whole program)

Program	Ages	When	Length	Price
Snow Sprouts (ski) Play-based first lessons	4–6	Saturdays 9:30–10:30 a.m.	6 weeks	$159
Junior Ski Club All levels, grouped by ability	7–12	Saturdays 1:00–3:00 p.m.	8 weeks	$249
Teen Ride (snowboard) All levels	13–17	Sundays 1:00–3:00 p.m.	8 weeks	$259
Adult First Tracks (ski or board) Never tried it? Start here.	18+	Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 p.m.	6 weeks	$219
Adult Weekend Improver (ski) Must be able to stop and turn on green runs	18+	Sundays 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	6 weeks	$239

Rentals & Lift Access

Season lesson rental package, child (12 & under) Skis or board, boots, poles, helmet, for every lesson	$69
Season lesson rental package, teen & adult	$99
Helmet only, per day	$5
Lesson-day lift pass Keep skiing after your lesson	$15/day

Lift access during lesson time is included in every program. Helmets are required for everyone under 18.

Ways to Save

- **Early bird:** register by **November 30** and save **$20 per program**.
- **Family:** register 2 or more people from the same household and save **10%** on every program after the first.
- Registration closes **December 15** or when programs are full.

Missed a lesson because of the weather? We add a **make-up week** at the end of the program.

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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: Ski lessons this winter?
>
> To: Daniel Okafor
>
> From: Hannah Lindqvist
>
> Hi Daniel,
>
> Mateo hasn't stopped talking about skiing since Ruby's birthday party at Kettle Ridge, so I picked up their lesson flyer this morning. Ruby is ten and Mateo has just turned nine, so they would both fit in the **(12)** _____ program, and Saturday afternoons would suit us well.
>
> Mateo already has a helmet, but neither of the kids owns skis, so I think we should get the season rental package. That would be **(13)** _____ for each of them, which seems fair for eight weeks.

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I've also decided to take the plunge myself. I've never been on skis in my life, so **(14)** _____ is clearly the one for me. It's on a weeknight, which works perfectly, since Steve is home by six and can stay with Mateo.

If we sign up before **(15)** _____, we'll each save $20 per program. And because I'm registering Mateo and myself together, **(16)** _____.

Since we live only three doors apart, we could take turns driving the kids on Saturdays. Let me know by the weekend and I'll register everyone at once.

Hannah

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Snow Sprouts **B** Junior Ski Club **C** Teen Ride **D** Adult Weekend Improver

13. **A** $99 **B** $5 **C** $69 **D** $15

14. **A** Adult First Tracks **B** Adult Weekend Improver **C** Snow Sprouts **D** Teen Ride

15. **A** mid-December **B** the first week of January **C** the first lesson **D** the end of November

16. **A** Mateo's rentals will be included for free **B** one of our two programs will cost 10% less **C** we will both receive free lift passes **D** my lessons can be moved to Saturdays

17. Hannah and Daniel are most likely

A co-workers who share a ride to work each day.
B a husband and wife.
C neighbours with children of a similar age.
D ski instructors at Kettle Ridge.

18. Why does a weeknight program suit Hannah?

A Her husband can look after their son at that time.
B She has to work every weekend.
C She would like to try night skiing after her lesson.
D Daniel is taking lessons on the same evening.

19. When Hannah says she will "take the plunge," she means she will

A go swimming after her ski lesson.
B sign up for the most difficult program.
C spend more money than she had originally planned.
D finally try something she has been unsure about.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Moose: Giants of the Northern Forest

Paragraph A

Few animals are as closely linked with the Canadian wilderness as the moose. The largest member of the deer family, it is found across most of the country's forested regions, from the Atlantic provinces to the Yukon. A full-grown bull can stand around two metres tall at the shoulder and weigh well over 500 kilograms, yet it can move almost silently through thick bush. Its unusually long legs allow it to step over fallen trees and wade through snow that would stop smaller animals. The English name was borrowed from an Algonquian language, and it is often said to mean "twig eater," a fair description of how the animal spends much of its time. Despite their size, moose generally live alone, apart from mothers with young calves.

Paragraph B

A moose's diet changes with the seasons. In summer, it feeds heavily on leaves and on plants that grow in lakes, ponds and marshes, wading in up to its shoulders and sometimes putting its head completely underwater to reach them. These water plants supply minerals, such as sodium, that are hard to find in other foods. Moose are also strong swimmers and will cross wide rivers and lakes without hesitation. When winter arrives and the water freezes, they switch to a much tougher diet of twigs, buds and bark from trees and shrubs such as willow, birch and balsam fir.

Paragraph C

Only male moose grow antlers. Each spring, a new set begins to grow, covered in a soft, blood-rich skin known as velvet. By late summer the antlers have reached full size, and the bull rubs the velvet off against trees. In the fall breeding season, males use their antlers to display their strength and, at times, to fight rivals. Once the season is over, the antlers drop off, usually in early winter. Calves are born in late spring, most often one at a time, although twins are not unusual. A calf stays close to its mother for about a year, until she drives it away shortly before her next calf is born.

Paragraph D

Moose have long been important to people in Canada. For many Indigenous communities, they provided meat, hides for clothing and shelter, and materials for tools. Today, moose also present challenges. Collisions with vehicles are a serious danger, because a moose's long legs mean that a car often strikes the animal below its heavy body, which can then crash into the windshield. Dark fur makes moose hard to see at night, which is why many highways have warning signs and, in some places, fencing, and drivers are urged to take extra care after dark. Moose were not originally found on the island of Newfoundland; a small number were brought there a little over a century ago, and their population has since grown very large.

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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. The word “moose” comes from an Indigenous language. _____

21. During the warmer months, moose rely partly on food found underwater. _____

22. A mother moose forces her young to leave before she has another. _____

23. Hunting limits now keep the number of moose in Newfoundland under control. _____

24. The shape of a moose’s body helps it travel through deep snow. _____

25. A moose’s height makes crashes with cars particularly dangerous for drivers. _____

26. Male moose lose their antlers every year and grow new ones. _____

27. Moose need to eat more in winter than in summer. _____

28. Humans introduced moose to one part of Canada. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Off-Leash Dog Hours on Sandpiper Beach Debate

For twenty years, Linden Bay has prohibited dogs on Sandpiper Beach from May through September. Councillor Meredith Ashdown would now permit off-leash dogs on the beach's northern half before nine in the morning and after seven in the evening throughout the summer.

Ashdown maintains that the existing prohibition no longer reflects local realities. Licensing figures indicate that nearly a third of households own a dog, yet the sole off-leash facility is a fenced gravel lot beside the arena. "Owners already visit the sand at dawn, hoping to escape notice, and I'd sooner have explicit hours and proper signage," she says. Free waste bags and a seasonal bylaw officer would be financed through a modest increase in licence fees.

Dr. Helen Okonkwo, a biologist who coordinates volunteer shorebird counts, remains unpersuaded. The northern end is exactly where piping plovers, an endangered species, have attempted nesting in three of the last five summers. "A dog doesn't need to catch a chick to do harm," she explains; flushing adults from a nest for minutes on a sweltering day can suffice. Having no objection to dogs on beaches generally, she would accept off-leash hours on the southern half, near the boat launch, where the birds seldom nest.

Phil Brennan, owner of the Driftwood Café opposite the main entrance, approaches the question commercially. He acknowledges that some dog-owning visitors bypass Linden Bay for rival seaside communities. "Families often tell me they choose this beach because it's dog-free, some with youngsters frightened of animals," he says. Those families sustain his summer, and he doubts dog owners would replace them.

Dog trainer Sunita Rao considers the difficulties manageable but declines to assume universal responsibility. Rules on paper that nobody observes accomplish little, so almost anything more explicit constitutes progress. "A dog that comes when called delights everyone on a beach. One that doesn't troubles everyone," she says. She therefore proposes restricting off-leash privileges to animals passing a short recall test, lest careless owners spoil matters for the rest.

Ashdown has signalled flexibility, even about relocating the off-leash area, should the bird counts warrant it. Okonkwo intends to present five summers of data.

29. Rao and Ashdown would agree that

A the arena lot is inadequate.
B the present rules need clarifying.
C a recall test should come first.
D most owners control their dogs.

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30. Okonkwo mentions a chick to show that

A only chicks are at risk
B the southern half would be safer
C owners can't be trusted near nests
D brief scares can harm

31. Brennan is cautious because

A families may stay away
B some owners already go elsewhere
C higher fees would hurt owners
D dogs would frighten people at his café

32. We can reasonably conclude that

A Ashdown would replace the arena lot.
B plovers nest there every summer.
C some residents flout the ban.
D the bird counts favour Ashdown.

33. A fitting headline would be

A "Dog Owners and Birders Reach a Truce"
B "Linden Bay Warms to Beach Dogs"
C "Fee Hike Stalls Beach Plan for Dogs"
D "Not Everyone Wants Dogs Back"

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.

> As a dog owner who walks Sandpiper Beach outside summer, I welcomed this idea, but Councillor Ashdown has evidently chosen **(34)** _____. If the birds Dr. Okonkwo studies have attempted nesting at the north end in **(35)** _____, that alone is reason to look elsewhere.
>
> Moving the hours to **(36)** _____ seems a fair compromise, and the councillor, to her credit, **(37)** _____ on the location.
>
> Better still, off-leash privileges should be **(38)** _____. My dog would manage, though I have seen others who wouldn't, and their owners are why Mr. Brennan's customers stay nervous. Compromise here costs very little, and a summer without bad feeling on the sand would be worth having.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** too few hours for owners **B** the wrong stretch of beach **C** too steep a licence fee **D** too small a sign budget

35. **A** most recent summers **B** every summer for twenty years **C** only one recent summer **D** each spring since the ban

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36. **A** the arena lot **B** the café's main entrance **C** the boat launch end **D** the north end after 7 p.m.

37. **A** has already conceded defeat **B** left it to the biologists **C** has dug in her heels **D** seems open to persuasion

38. **A** reserved for residents, not visitors **B** earned through obedience, not assumed **C** seasonal, not permanent **D** paid for, not free

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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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1 C to ask for his uncle's hands-on help with a project

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12 B Junior Ski Club

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Part 3: Moose: Giants of the Northern Forest

20 A

21 B

22 C

23 E

24 A

25 D

26 C

27 E

28 D

Part 4: Off-Leash Dog Hours on Sandpiper Beach Debate

29 B the present rules need clarifying.

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33 D "Not Everyone Wants Dogs Back"

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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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