CELPIP Reading Practice Test 122

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

Asking the Condo Board About a Heat Pump

Dear Mr. Delorme,

I am writing to ask the condominium board's permission to install a ductless heat pump in my unit, 406, and to explain what the work would involve before the board's next meeting on March 12.

As you may know, the electric baseboard heaters in our building are the original ones, and last winter my heating bills averaged almost $260 a month, even with the thermostat kept at nineteen degrees. Several neighbours on my floor have told me theirs were similar. In summer, the west-facing units become uncomfortably hot, and I have been relying on a portable air conditioner that is noisy and takes up half of my bedroom window. A heat pump would provide both heating and cooling far more efficiently.

I have obtained quotes from two licensed installers and would like to use Coldwater Mechanical, which has done similar work in three other condominium buildings in the city. The indoor unit would be mounted high on my living room wall. The outdoor unit, which is about the size of a small suitcase, would rest on a stand on my balcony floor rather than being attached to the building, and the only change to the exterior would be one small opening for the connecting lines, which would be sealed and painted to match. The installer tells me the outdoor unit runs more quietly than a household dishwasher.

I would, of course, pay for the entire installation myself, along with any engineering review the board considers necessary. I would also be happy to sign an agreement making me, and any future owner of my unit, responsible for maintaining the equipment and for any damage it might cause. The installer carries two million dollars in liability insurance and would provide a certificate to the property manager before starting.

The timing is somewhat urgent. The provincial rebate I am applying for, which would cover about a third of the cost, stops accepting applications at the end of April, and installers are already booked several weeks ahead. If the board needs more information, I would be glad to attend the March meeting in person or to arrange for someone from Coldwater to answer questions.

Thank you for considering my request. If it is approved, I suspect other owners may wish to follow, and I hope my experience could make the process simpler for them.

Sincerely,

Priya Nair

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1. Priya is writing to

A complain about noise from her neighbours.
B obtain approval for a change to her unit.
C ask the board to replace the building's heaters.
D invite board members to inspect her balcony.

2. Why does Priya want a heat pump?

A The board has asked owners to replace old heaters.
B Her portable air conditioner has stopped working.
C Her unit costs a lot to heat and gets too warm in summer.
D Several neighbours on her floor have already put one in themselves.

3. What does Priya say about the outdoor unit?

A It would be quieter than a kitchen appliance.
B It would be fastened to the outside wall of the building.
C It would be mounted high on her living room wall.
D It would replace the air conditioner in her window.

4. What does Priya offer to do?

A share the installation cost with other owners.
B pay for extra insurance for the whole building.
C choose a different installer if the board prefers.
D accept lasting responsibility for the equipment.

5. Why does Priya want a decision soon?

A Her current heaters are about to break down.
B The chance of financial help will soon disappear.
C The board meets only once or twice a year.
D Coldwater Mechanical is about to raise its prices.

6. What does Priya suggest about other owners?

A They have complained about her air conditioner.
B They will help to pay for the engineering review.
C Some of them may later make a similar request.
D They are opposed to any changes to the building.

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 Ms. Nair,
>
> Thank you for your detailed letter. The board discussed your request informally last week, and members were impressed by how carefully you had **(7)** _____.

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> Your offer to **(8)** _____ is especially welcome, as our insurer has raised concerns about equipment installed by individual owners. Before any work begins, however, the board will need to see **(9)** _____.
>
> I would encourage you to attend our meeting on **(10)** _____, as a few members will want to ask about noise and about the opening in the outside wall. Given **(11)** _____, I will ask the board to vote on your request at that meeting rather than leaving it until our May meeting.
>
> If it is approved, we may use your installation as a model for any owners who follow.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Gilles Delorme
>
> President, Board of Directors

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** compared heating costs in several cities **B** spoken individually to every owner on your floor **C** anticipated the questions we were likely to ask **D** chosen the cheapest installer available

8. **A** take long-term charge of the equipment **B** invite the installer to our meeting **C** share your quotes with other owners **D** lower the temperature in your unit

9. **A** a written quote from a second installer **B** a copy of your last heating bill **C** a letter from your neighbours **D** proof that the installer is insured

10. **A** the first of April **B** the twelfth of March **C** the last day of April **D** the twelfth of May

11. **A** the rebate deadline you mentioned **B** the cost of an engineering review **C** the complaints from other owners **D** the age of the building's heaters

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Junior Hockey Tickets for a Birthday Outing



Riverton Rapids Junior Hockey

2026–27 home games · Halford Memorial Arena · Riverton

FRIDAYS 7:30 P.M. · SATURDAYS 7:00 P.M. · SUNDAYS 2:00 P.M.

Single-Game Tickets

Seating	Adult	Senior (65+)	Youth (5–16)
Rinkside, Rows A–C Step-free access	$32	$26	$24
Centre Ice, Sections 101–104	$26	$20	$18
End Zone, Sections 105–108	$19	$14	$12
Standing Room	$10 (all ages)		

Children 4 and under are free on an adult's lap. Online orders: **$2 service fee per ticket**. No fee at the box office, which opens 90 minutes before each game. Free parking.

Packages

- **Birthday Bench Pack: $220**
  10 Centre Ice seats, the birthday guest's name on the video scoreboard and a photo with Rocky the Otter. Book at least 7 days ahead.
- **Family Four-Pack: $55**
  2 adult + 2 youth End Zone seats and 4 hot dogs. Sunday games only.

Theme Nights

Fri. Nov. 20	**Teddy Bear Toss**: bring a new teddy bear for the children's hospital.
Sat. Dec. 5	**Ugly Sweater Night**: wear one and get $5 off at the box office.
Sun. Dec. 6	**Family Skate** on the arena ice after the game, free with your ticket. Bring skates; helmets required under age 12.

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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: Dad's 70th: a hockey game?
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> To: Sami Haddad
>
> From: Farid Haddad
>
> Hi Sami,
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> I've been racking my brain for something special for Dad's 70th, and I think I've finally found it. The Riverton Rapids are at home that weekend, and since Dad played junior hockey himself before he hurt his knee, I can't think of anything he'd enjoy more. His birthday is on Saturday the 5th, but Mom says they already have dinner plans with the Hendersons that night, and Dad never misses his choir practice on Friday evenings, so we'll have to go to the **(12)** _____ game.

> There will be seven of us, including your two. I looked at the Birthday Bench Pack, but it's meant for a bigger group, and Dad would hate seeing his name up on the scoreboard. Since Mom can't manage stairs any more, I'd like to get seats in **(13)** _____. Your kids would be **(14)** _____ each.
>
> If we buy the tickets at the box office instead of online, we'll avoid **(15)** _____. And after the game there's **(16)** _____, so tell Jonah and Lily to bring their skates. Jonah will need his helmet, too.
>
> I'm happy to pay for everything up front if you can pay me back for your three tickets. Let me know by Friday, and don't breathe a word to Dad!
>
> Farid

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Friday evening **B** Saturday evening **C** Sunday afternoon **D** Saturday afternoon

13. **A** the Centre Ice sections **B** the End Zone sections **C** the standing-room area **D** the rinkside rows

14. **A** $24 **B** $26 **C** $18 **D** $32

15. **A** paying for parking **B** paying an extra $2 a ticket **C** missing the $5 sweater discount **D** a 90-minute wait at the door

16. **A** a toy drive for a hospital **B** a photo with the team mascot **C** a chance to skate on the rink **D** a contest for the ugliest sweater

17. Farid and Sami are

A cousins.
B father and son.
C former teammates.
D brothers.

18. Why does Farid decide against the Birthday Bench Pack?

A It must be booked at least a full week before the game.
B It is for more people, and Dad dislikes attention.
C It is available for Friday games only.
D It costs more than buying single tickets.

19. When Farid tells Sami not to "breathe a word" to Dad, he means Sami should

A tell their father nothing about the plan.
B speak quietly when their father is resting.
C let their father choose where to sit.
D remind their father about the game on Friday.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

The Northern Cod Moratorium

Paragraph A

For hundreds of years, cod was the reason people lived along the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador. European fishing fleets were crossing the Atlantic to the Grand Banks by the 1500s, and permanent settlements later grew up in hundreds of small coastal communities known as outports. In many of them, nearly every family depended on the fishery. Men fished from small boats close to shore, while women and children often worked on land, splitting, salting and drying the catch on wooden platforms so that it would keep for the long journey to markets overseas. This dried, salted fish was traded as far away as southern Europe and the Caribbean.

Paragraph B

The pressure on the cod grew dramatically in the decades after the Second World War. Large factory trawlers from many countries began working the offshore banks, dragging enormous nets and processing and freezing their catch on board, which allowed them to stay at sea for weeks at a time. In 1977, Canada extended its fishing zone to 200 nautical miles from shore, pushing most foreign vessels out of the richest grounds. Instead of easing, however, fishing pressure continued as Canada's own offshore fleet expanded. Estimates of how many fish remained later proved far too optimistic, even as fishers working close to shore warned that their catches were shrinking.

Paragraph C

By the early 1990s, the northern cod had collapsed. In July 1992, the federal government announced a moratorium, or temporary ban, on fishing for northern cod. It was expected to last about two years, long enough for the stock to begin rebuilding. The impact on the province was immediate. Tens of thousands of people in fishing and fish processing lost their work, in what is often described as the largest mass layoff in Canadian history. For many families, fishing had been not just a job but a way of life handed down through generations. Ottawa introduced income support and retraining programs, though many people found that the skills being offered did not match the jobs available near their homes.

Paragraph D

The cod did not return as quickly as expected, and the ban was extended again and again. Many people, especially the young, left their outports to work elsewhere, often in western Canada, and some communities became much smaller as a result. Those who stayed in the industry turned increasingly to shellfish such as snow crab and shrimp, which in time brought in more money than cod had. Other communities have looked to tourism, drawing visitors to see icebergs, whales and seabirds along the same coasts that once depended on cod. In recent years, as scientists have

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> reported some improvement, a limited commercial cod fishery has been allowed again, but there is still debate about how quickly it should grow.

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. Families once preserved their own catch by hand before it was shipped. _____

21. Changes in technology let some boats keep fish fresh far from port. _____

22. The ban was not intended to be permanent when it was announced. _____

23. Some people who lost their livelihood moved to another part of the country. _____

24. Fishers working near the shore were paid to keep records of their catches. _____

25. Canada acted to keep fleets from other nations farther from its coast. _____

26. Other kinds of seafood eventually became more valuable to the industry than cod. _____

27. Fishing communities in the region existed largely because of cod. _____

28. The retraining programs were planned together with local employers. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Boat Speed Limits on Tamarack Lake Debate

> On a calm July weekend, Tamarack Lake can accommodate a hundred vessels, from canoes to powerful wake boats engineered to generate waves big enough to surf. The Tamarack Lake Association now wants the Township of Alder Ridge to pursue two restrictions: a 10 km/h limit across the entire lake and a prohibition on boats built to create large wakes. Because most Canadian boating restrictions require federal approval, either measure would entail an application to Ottawa, a process often exceeding a year.
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> "Ask any waterfront owner," says association president Diane Kowalski. Since wake boats spread about five years ago, members have reported docks torn loose, eroding shorelines and loon nests swamped in June, on a narrow lake barely three kilometres long. A membership survey recorded seven in ten favouring both measures.
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> Grant McAllister, proprietor of the marina at the south end, stopped renting wake boats two summers ago, partly because of complaints and partly because of damage to his own docks. A lakewide speed limit is another matter: "It would abolish waterskiing and tubing, the very attractions that bring families to my counter." He could accept restrictions in the narrow channel and shallow bays frequented by paddlers, but not on open water.
>
> Ecologist Anika Sorensen, who has sampled the lake for over a decade, confirms that large wakes disturb sediment in shallow water and can erode shorelines faster than natural waves. Yet the debate, she suspects, is misdirected. The algae blooms that have twice closed the public beach are far likelier to originate in leaking septic systems at older cottages than in boats. "Regulating boats is visible and satisfying," she observes. Septic inspections, expensive and unpopular, would accomplish more for the water.
>
> Luc Bergeron, whose family has fished the lake for three generations and who lives there year-round, has little patience for either restriction. Existing rules, including a speed limit near shore, are seldom enforced, he complains. "Seasonal visitors presume to legislate for those of us who remain in January." He would sooner see a patrol on busy weekends than another application to Ottawa.
>
> Council has asked the association to gather further evidence over the coming summer.

29. McAllister and Kowalski would both support

A a ban on wake boats
B a 10 km/h limit across the lake
C inspecting old cottages' septic tanks
D enforcing existing rules first

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30. What does Sorensen imply about the association's campaign?

A It ignores harm from large wakes.
B It should keep the beach closed.
C A costlier step would do more.
D Boat owners should fund testing.

31. Bergeron would likely tell the association that

A visitors should stay away
B septic tanks matter more than boats
C wake boats do no real harm
D existing rules come first

32. What can be assumed about the marina?

A It still rents wake boats.
B It depends partly on fast boating.
C It sits in a shallow bay.
D It backs the association's survey.

33. Which title best suits the article?

A "Tamarack Lake Says Goodbye to Wake Boats"
B "Residents and Visitors Unite to Save Tamarack Lake"
C "Tamarack Lake's Water Troubles Traced to Boats"
D "How Fast Is Too Fast on Tamarack?"

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.

> I have rented the same Tamarack Lake cottage every August for twelve years, and I can confirm that **(34)** _____. My children no longer paddle past the dock on weekends. So I welcome the wake-boat ban, and I was reassured that even **(35)** _____ has no quarrel with it.
>
> Still, Mr. Bergeron has a point: if the limit near shore is **(36)** _____, why expect a better fate for the next one? And a patrol costs far less than a year's wait for **(37)** _____.
>
> Finally, Dr. Sorensen deserves a wider hearing. If the beach keeps closing because of **(38)** _____, cottage owners like my landlord should look closer to home before blaming boats.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** the beach has never closed **B** the water has grown rougher **C** waterskiing has all but vanished **D** canoes outnumber other boats

35. **A** the township council **B** the year-round fisherman **C** the marina owner **D** the ecologist sampling the lake

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36. **A** a paper tiger **B** too costly to police **C** widely resented by fishers **D** a matter for federal authorities

37. **A** the association's new evidence **B** a ruling from the marina owner **C** the septic inspection results **D** the federal go-ahead

38. **A** sediment churned up by wakes **B** leaking cottage systems **C** swimmers crowding in July **D** fuel spilled at the marina

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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: The Northern Cod Moratorium

20 A

21 B

22 C

23 D

24 E

25 B

26 D

27 A

28 E

Part 4: Boat Speed Limits on Tamarack Lake Debate

29 A a ban on wake boats

30 C A costlier step would do more.

31 D existing rules come first

32 B It depends partly on fast boating.

33 D “How Fast Is Too Fast on Tamarack?”

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35 C the marina owner

36 A a paper tiger

37 D the federal go-ahead

38 B leaking cottage systems

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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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