CELPIP Reading Practice Test 126

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 Refund for a Cancelled Art Camp

> Dear Ms. Delacroix,
>
> I am writing about the fee I paid for my son, Mateo, to attend the Junior Studio camp at the Seawall Arts Centre from July 13 to 17. As you know, the centre cancelled the camp on July 9, after a burst pipe flooded the second-floor studios. I was sorry to hear about the damage, and I understand that it was nobody's fault. My concern is what has happened since.
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> Your email of July 9 offered families a choice: a full refund within ten business days, or a credit toward fall classes. I replied that same afternoon to ask for the refund, and I received an automatic message confirming that my reply had arrived. Nearly seven weeks have passed, and the money has not appeared on my credit card. When I called on July 28, a very polite young man named Tyler told me that he would pass the matter to your bookkeeper, and that someone would call me within a few days. No one did. I have since left two voice messages, on August 11 and August 19, and neither has been returned. I have kept copies of your email and the automatic message, and I can send them if the flood has affected your records.
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> To be clear about the amount, I paid $325 in April: $285 for the camp and $40 for the materials kit. Mateo picked up his kit in June and has been happily using it at home, so I don't expect that portion back. I am asking only for the $285. I should add that finding another camp on four days' notice cost me $340, which is more than I had budgeted. I realize that this isn't the centre's responsibility, and I'm not asking you to cover it.
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> Please let me know when I can expect the refund. If it hasn't reached my account by September 15, I will have to dispute the charge through my credit card company. I would much rather not do that. Mateo has taken classes with you for three years, he adores his teacher, Ms. Oyelaran, and he is already asking about the winter session.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Renata Silva

1. Renata is writing because

A the centre has raised the fee for its camps.

B money she was promised has not been returned.

C her son was turned away from a fall class.

D a staff member spoke rudely to her on the telephone.

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2. The camp was cancelled because of

A a shortage of children signing up for it.
B the sudden departure of a teacher.
C a problem with the materials kits.
D water damage to part of the building.

3. When the centre offered families a choice, Renata decided to

A get her money back instead of taking a credit.
B keep her son's place in the winter session.
C move Mateo's camp to a later week in July.
D have the centre pay for Mateo's replacement camp.

4. Why does Renata not ask for the $40?

A The centre has already sent that amount back.
B The kit was not included in her April payment.
C Her son has received and used what it paid for.
D Tyler told her that the kit could not be refunded.

5. What does Renata say about the other camp?

A Mateo enjoyed it more than his classes at the centre.
B It cost more, but she will not ask the centre to pay.
C It was recommended to her by Ms. Delacroix last spring.
D It ran during the same week as the fall classes.

6. We can reasonably conclude that Renata

A has already contacted her credit card company.
B thinks the flood could have been prevented.
C will not send Mateo to the centre again.
D hopes to stay on good terms with the centre.

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. Silva,
>
> Please accept my apologies. I have read through your file, and everything happened just as you describe. You should not have had to wait so long, or to **(7)** _____. During the repairs after **(8)** _____, our office was moved twice, and many of our records and messages went astray. That explains the delay, but it doesn't excuse it.
>
> Our bookkeeper has now confirmed that the choice you made on July 9, **(9)** _____, was never processed. I have asked her to send the **(10)** _____ back to your credit card today. It should

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reach your account well ahead of your mid-September date, so there is no need for you to **(11)** _____.

Please tell Mateo that we would be very glad to see him this winter. Ms. Oyelaran asks about him often, and his place is waiting for him.

Sincerely,

Hélène Delacroix

Executive Director

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** pay the materials fee for a second time **B** fill in a new registration form **C** leave messages that went unanswered **D** drive in to pick up Mateo's kit

8. **A** the studios were flooded **B** the kitchen fire in June **C** staff walked off the job **D** the materials kits were picked up

9. **A** to pay for the camp by credit card **B** to transfer Mateo to the next winter session **C** to let Mateo keep the materials kit **D** to be repaid rather than given a credit

10. **A** $325 you paid in April **B** $285 camp fee **C** $340 for the second camp **D** $40 for materials

11. **A** pick up a cheque from our office **B** register again before the winter **C** dispute the charge with your card company **D** return Mateo's art supplies to us

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Getting to the Halifax Airport from Truro



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Timetable to the Airport

Trip	Days	Truro Transit Hub	Stewiacke	Elmsdale	Stanfield Airport
Early Bird	Daily	5:00 a.m.	5:25 a.m.	5:50 a.m.	6:10 a.m.
Morning Express ⚡	Mon.–Fri.	8:00 a.m.	no stops		9:00 a.m.
Mid-Morning	Daily	9:30 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	10:40 a.m.
Noon Coach	Daily	11:30 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	12:40 p.m.
Afternoon	Daily	3:30 p.m.	3:55 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	4:40 p.m.
Evening Express ⚡	Fri.–Sun.	7:00 p.m.	no stops		8:00 p.m.

One-Way Fares

Adult	$42
Senior (65+)	$36
Child (5–12)	$22
Under 5	Free

Return ticket within 30 days: save 10%.

Door-to-Door Pickup

- Within Truro town limits only
- **$15 per address** (not per person)
- Book at least 48 hours ahead

Baggage

- 2 bags per passenger: free
- Each extra bag: $8 each way
- Sports equipment (golf clubs, skis, bicycles): **$15 each way**, per item
- Pets in carriers: $10 each way

Booking

- Reserve at least 24 hours before travel
- Free cancellation up to 12 hours before departure

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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: Getting you to Stanfield on the 14th
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> To: Bernard Whelan
>
> From: Moira Gillis
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> Hi Bernard,
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> I feel terrible that I can't drive you and Margaret to the airport this time, but the surgeon says no driving for six weeks after my knee operation. Instead, I picked up this Fundy Link timetable at the library. Since your flight to Glasgow leaves at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday and you need to check in three hours ahead, the latest one that works is the **(12)** _____ departure. Anything after that would be cutting it too close. It's also a comfortable trip, since **(13)** _____.

You're both over 65, so you would pay **(14)** _____ each for the one-way fare. With Margaret's hip, I wouldn't ask her to drag a suitcase across the Transit Hub. For **(15)** _____, they'll pick you both up at the house. And if you're serious about bringing your golf clubs to Scotland, you should know they'll cost you **(16)** _____. Do book soon, though, because the home pickup needs two days' notice.

Don't worry about the house. I can see your driveway from my kitchen window, so I'll keep an eye on things, and I'll send my grandson over to water your tomatoes.

Safe travels,

Moira

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** 5:00 a.m. **B** 8:00 a.m. **C** 9:30 a.m. **D** 11:30 a.m.

13. **A** it calls at Stewiacke and Elmsdale **B** it runs only on weekends **C** it's the only coach with a washroom **D** it goes straight through without stopping

14. **A** $36 **B** $42 **C** $22 **D** $38

15. **A** $15 per person **B** no charge for seniors **C** a flat $15 per address **D** $8 per passenger

16. **A** an extra $8 each way **B** nothing as one of your free bags **C** double the regular adult fare **D** an extra $15 each way

17. Moira and Bernard know each other because they

A live close to one another.
B used to work at the library.
C golf together every weekend.
D are related through Margaret.

18. Why can't Moira drive Bernard and Margaret?

A She doesn't like driving on the highway.
B Her grandson needs the car that day.
C She is recovering from a medical procedure.
D She will be travelling with them to Glasgow.

19. When Moira says that a later bus would be "cutting it too close," she means it would be

A taking too much baggage along.
B leaving too little time to spare.
C costing more than necessary.
D making the trip too tiring.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Pier 21: Canada's Front Door

Paragraph A

For more than forty years, the first piece of Canada that many newcomers saw was a long shed on the Halifax waterfront. Pier 21 opened in 1928, at a time when most people crossing the Atlantic to Canada came by ship, and Halifax's deep, ice-free harbour could receive large vessels all year. Between its opening and its closing in 1971, close to one million immigrants arrived there. Its location beside the railway was no accident. Once they had cleared immigration, many passengers needed only to walk a short distance to a waiting train, which would carry them inland, sometimes on a journey of several days to the Prairies.

Paragraph B

The people who passed through Pier 21 changed with world events. In the late 1920s, many were farm workers from Britain and from northern and central Europe, recruited to help settle the West. Arrivals dropped sharply during the Depression of the 1930s, when jobs were scarce and Canada tightened its immigration rules. During the Second World War, the building served a very different purpose, as roughly half a million Canadian service members left for Europe through the pier. When the fighting ended, it became the arrival point for tens of thousands of war brides, the wives of Canadian soldiers, who often came with young children.

Paragraph C

After the war, a new wave began. Refugees and displaced persons from war-torn Europe came in large numbers, followed by immigrants from countries such as Italy, the Netherlands and Germany, who were looking for work and a fresh start. Many carried all they owned in a few trunks and suitcases. Canada's rules in those years strongly favoured Europeans, so the crowds in the immigration hall did not reflect the whole world. For those who did arrive, memories of the building are mixed. Officials examined documents and carried out medical checks, and the long waits could be stressful, especially for people who spoke little English. Yet volunteers from the Red Cross and from church and community groups were also on hand, looking after children and offering help to tired families.

Paragraph D

By the 1960s, air travel had begun to replace the ocean liners, and fewer and fewer immigrants were arriving by sea. Pier 21 closed in 1971, and the building was later put to other uses, while its history risked being forgotten. In the late 1980s, volunteers began working to save it, gathering the stories of those who had passed through, while Halifax community leader Ruth Goldbloom led the effort to raise funds. The site opened as a museum in 1999. It has since become a national museum, the

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> Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, where families can look for records of their parents' or grandparents' arrival in Canada and see exhibits on the country's immigration history.

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. Conditions in Halifax's harbour allowed ships to arrive in every season. _____

21. Fewer newcomers passed through Pier 21 during a time of economic hardship. _____

22. Some war brides received free train tickets from the Canadian government. _____

23. Passengers could often begin the next stage of their trip without going far from the pier. _____

24. Canadians heading overseas to fight departed from Pier 21. _____

25. Medical checks at Pier 21 caused some newcomers to be sent back to their home countries. _____

26. The people arriving at Pier 21 after the war came mainly from one part of the world. _____

27. A change in how people travelled led to the end of Pier 21 as an immigration centre. _____

28. People today can search for information about relatives who arrived in Canada. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Alcohol in Greenholm's Parks Debate

> A glass of wine on a picnic blanket has long been illegal in Greenholm, though bottles in paper bags rarely attract attention. Council is contemplating a two-summer pilot permitting adults to drink in six parks between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Overlooking an offence, detractors counter, differs from licensing it. Two additional bylaw officers, according to a staff report, would cost approximately $120,000 annually.
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> Councillor Shanelle Prescott, the plan's chief sponsor, treats the question as one of fairness. "If you have a backyard, you can enjoy a beer outdoors whenever you like. If you live in an apartment, you're breaking the law." Enforcement, she adds, is haphazard, falling chiefly on young people of modest means. She accepts that certain parks may prove unsuitable, and promises their removal should complaints accumulate after the first summer.
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> Dr. Ingrid Solheim, the region's medical officer of health, stops short of outright opposition. "Easier access to alcohol generally correlates with greater harm," she notes, yet research on park drinking remains scant and the cities experimenting with it report little serious trouble. What preoccupies her is teenagers absorbing the notion that alcohol belongs to any ordinary outing. "I can live with a trial, provided it is a real one," she remarks, by which she means emergency visits and police calls tallied beforehand and afterward, with the results published.
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> Tom Wieczorek, chair of the Riverbend neighbourhood association, harbours no grudge against couples sharing wine over a sandwich. "My complaint is 9:30 p.m., after families depart: the noise, the broken glass, the people relieving themselves behind residential fences." Doubting that two officers could patrol six parks, he would confine the experiment to one downtown park, remote from houses.
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> Lucia Ferrante, proprietor of a Main Street patio restaurant, might be expected to dread the competition, and partly does: her overhead includes a liquor licence, insurance and staff training, while a park drinker buys only the bottle. Still, she doubts quiet picnickers will inconvenience anyone, and livelier evenings generally benefit her business. Her resentment is reserved for helping to underwrite the scheme. "Let its beneficiaries fund the officers, through a modest permit fee for groups," she suggests.

29. Whose acceptance of the pilot depends most on results?

A Shanelle Prescott
B Tom Wieczorek
C Ingrid Solheim
D Lucia Ferrante

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30. Wieczorek and Ferrante would both maintain that

A picnickers aren't the real difficulty.

B two officers can't patrol six parks.

C a group permit fee would answer objections.

D the rule falls hardest on the young.

31. Prescott's backyard comparison suggests that

A paper-bag bottles rarely attract attention.

B certain parks are unsuitable.

C enforcement falls on the poor.

D the law favours backyard owners.

32. What does the article suggest about the doubters?

A Their fear is chiefly for teenagers.

B They could accept a limited pilot.

C They object mainly to late-night disorder.

D Their main concern is enforcement cost.

33. Which headline best suits the article?

A "Greenholm Reviews Its Park Bylaw's Cost"

B "Why Are Greenholm's Young Drinkers Charged More?"

C "Is Greenholm Ready for Park Drinks?"

D "Moving Patio Trade Into Greenholm's Parks"

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.

> After nineteen years renting downtown without a yard, I have little patience for the idea that my glass of wine turns dangerous once carried outside. Yet Councillor Prescott's case goes beyond backyards: today's rule also singles out **(34)** _____.
>
> Nor do I dismiss Mr. Wieczorek. Living across from a busy park, I would dread **(35)** _____ too. Still, apartment dwellers across Greenholm would be poorly served by **(36)** _____.
>
> I am less moved by the restaurateur's grievance that **(37)** _____, which sounds to me like special pleading; nobody I know would abandon a dinner out for a warm can on a bench. So I would attach the one condition that turns an argument into evidence: **(38)** _____.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** the young and poor **B** people without a yard **C** teenagers on a day out **D** couples sharing a sandwich

35. **A** the bill for extra staff **B** the loss of patio trade **C** the sight of youngsters imitating adults **D** a lively evening's aftermath

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36. **A** a count of police calls **B** a single downtown venue **C** a permit for every group **D** an earlier curfew

37. **A** picnickers will trouble her customers **B** evening crowds will drain sales **C** her overhead handicaps her **D** the town should hire more officers

38. **A** keep score before and after **B** drop any park that draws complaints **C** confine it to a single park **D** charge groups a modest fee

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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

Part 1: A Refund for a Cancelled Art Camp

1 B money she was promised has not been returned.

2 D water damage to part of the building.

3 A get her money back instead of taking a credit.

4 C Her son has received and used what it paid for.

5 B It cost more, but she will not ask the centre to pay.

6 D hopes to stay on good terms with the centre.

7 C leave messages that went unanswered

8 A the studios were flooded

9 D to be repaid rather than given a credit

10 B $285 camp fee

11 C dispute the charge with your card company

Part 2: Getting to the Halifax Airport from Truro

12 B 8:00 a.m.

13 D it goes straight through without stopping

14 A $36

15 C a flat $15 per address

16 D an extra $15 each way

17 A live close to one another.

18 C She is recovering from a medical procedure.

19 B leaving too little time to spare.

Part 3: Pier 21: Canada's Front Door

20 A

21 B

22 E

23 A

24 B

25 E

26 C

27 D

28 D

Part 4: Alcohol in Greenholm's Parks Debate

29 C Ingrid Solheim

30 A picnickers aren't the real difficulty.

31 D the law favours backyard owners.

32 B They could accept a limited pilot.

33 C "Is Greenholm Ready for Park Drinks?"

34 A the young and poor

35 D a lively evening's aftermath

36 B a single downtown venue

37 C her overhead handicaps her

38 A keep score before and after

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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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