CELPIP Reading Practice Test 127

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

An Invitation to Speak at Career Day

> Dear Ms. Adeyemi,
>
> You may not remember me, but I taught you Grade 11 chemistry at Riverview Secondary about twelve years ago. You sat in the front row, asked more questions than the rest of the class put together, and once came close to setting a lab bench on fire while testing a theory of your own. I was delighted to read in the local paper last month that you had received a provincial award for your work as a paramedic in our region. Congratulations. I can't say I was surprised.
>
> I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to speak at our Career Day on Thursday, April 16. Each year, we invite about a dozen guests from different fields to talk to our Grade 10 and 11 students. In the past, most of our speakers have come from offices: accountants, lawyers, a software developer or two. In their feedback, students tell us that they want to hear from people whose work is more hands-on, and health care is the field they ask about most often.
>
> The format is simple. Each guest gives the same twenty-minute talk three times in the morning, to groups of about thirty students, with time for questions after each one. You wouldn't need slides, although some speakers bring equipment to show. Lunch in the library is provided, and we finish by 12:30, so your afternoon would be free. We can't pay our guests, I'm afraid, but we do cover parking, and the students write thank-you cards that several speakers have told me they keep for years.
>
> I realize that paramedics work long and unpredictable shifts, so I won't be offended if April 16 is impossible. If you can't come but know a colleague who might, I would be grateful for a name. And if the day works but three talks sound like too much, we could arrange for you to do just one or two.
>
> You can reach me at this address or at the school, at 705-555-0132, extension 214. I would need to know by March 20 so that we can print the program.
>
> With best wishes,
>
> Gordon Lysak

1. Why is Mr. Lysak writing to Ms. Adeyemi?

A to welcome her to the staff of his school
B to invite her to talk to his students
C to ask her to help teach a chemistry class
D to request details about paramedic training

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2. What does Mr. Lysak remember about Ms. Adeyemi as a student?

A She was curious and full of questions.
B She earned the top marks in the class.
C She was too shy to speak in class.
D She helped him plan the first Career Day.

3. Why does the school want a speaker like Ms. Adeyemi this year?

A Some past speakers did not arrive on the day.
B She won an award for teaching first aid.
C The school is opening a new health program.
D Students want to hear about practical jobs.

4. According to the letter, each guest speaker

A must bring some equipment to show.
B receives a small fee for the morning.
C repeats one talk for several groups.
D speaks to the whole school at once.

5. If Ms. Adeyemi cannot come, Mr. Lysak would like her to

A send a short written message to the students.
B record a video of her talk for the school.
C suggest someone else who might be able to come.
D visit the school on a different day in April.

6. We can reasonably conclude that Mr. Lysak

A has already printed the Career Day program.
B understands that her job may get in the way.
C has invited her to speak at the school before.
D will offer to pay her for her time.

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 Mr. Lysak,
>
> Of course I remember you, and I'm touched that you saw the article. I still laugh about the afternoon my experiment almost **(7)** _____.
>
> I would be happy to take part in Career Day. April 16 falls on one of my days off, so **(8)** _____. However, I start a run of night shifts the following evening, so I'd prefer to **(9)** _____ instead of all three, if your offer still stands.
>
> I won't bother with slides. I'd rather bring **(10)** _____, so that the students can see and handle the tools we use every day. It's also great to hear that so many of them are curious about

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> **(11)** _____. I'll make sure to leave plenty of time for their questions.
>
> Warm regards,
>
> Ifeoma Adeyemi

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** made me late for your class **B** won me a provincial award
C got me moved to the front row **D** started a fire at my bench

8. **A** you can count on me for the morning **B** I can join you only after lunch
C I will arrive by 12:30 **D** you will need to choose another date

9. **A** speak to the whole grade at once **B** skip lunch in the library
C give my talk to just two groups **D** leave before the questions begin

10. **A** some equipment from the ambulance **B** a set of slides about my training
C thank-you cards from other schools **D** a copy of the newspaper article

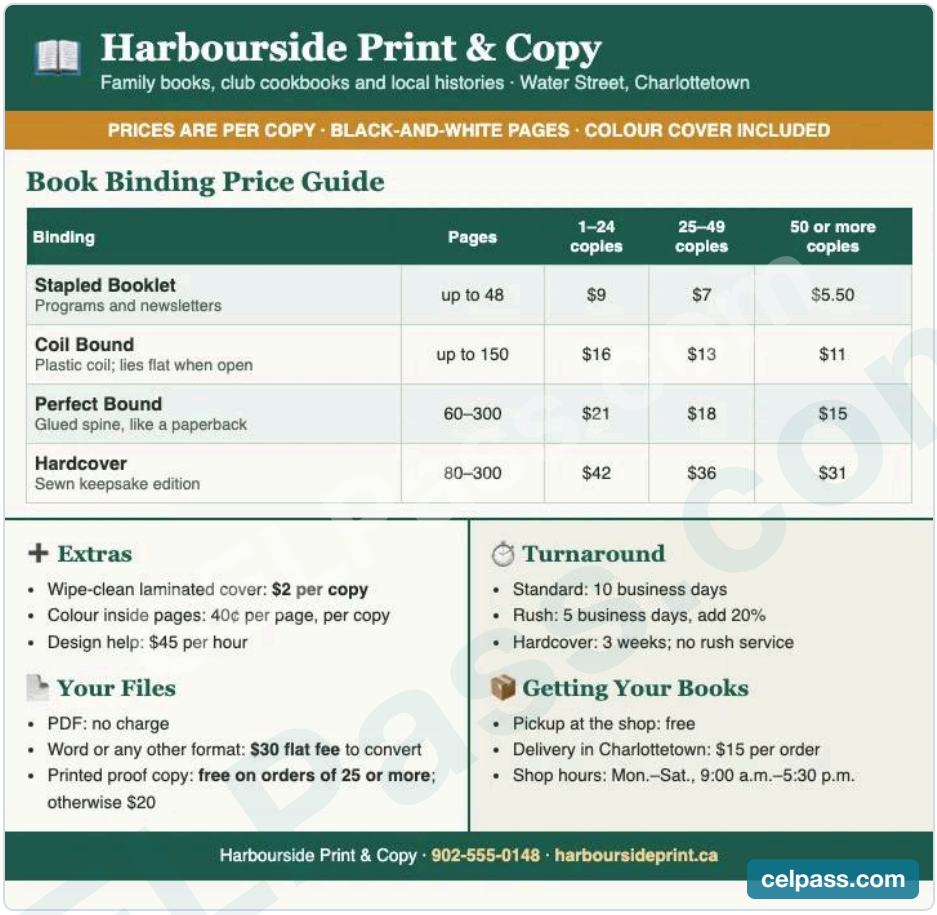
11. **A** office careers like accounting **B** writing thank-you notes **C** chemistry experiments
D careers in medicine

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Printing a Family Cookbook



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Coil Bound Plastic coil; lies flat when open	up to 150	$16	$13	$11
Perfect Bound Glued spine, like a paperback	60–300	$21	$18	$15
Hardcover Sewn keepsake edition	80–300	$42	$36	$31

Extras

- Wipe-clean laminated cover: **$2 per copy**
- Colour inside pages: 40¢ per page, per copy
- Design help: $45 per hour

Your Files

- PDF: no charge
- Word or any other format: **$30 flat fee** to convert
- Printed proof copy: **free on orders of 25 or more**; otherwise $20

Turnaround

- Standard: 10 business days
- Rush: 5 business days, add 20%
- Hardcover: 3 weeks; no rush service

Getting Your Books

- Pickup at the shop: free
- Delivery in Charlottetown: $15 per order
- Shop hours: Mon.–Sat., 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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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: Mom's recipe book
>
> To: Declan Murphy
>
> From: Colleen Doyle
>
> Hi Declan,
>
> I've finally typed up all of Mom's recipes, and with the old photos I scanned in black and white, it comes to 112 pages. Yesterday I picked up a price list at Harbourside Print & Copy. We have 31 people coming to the reunion in August, and I think most households will want a copy, plus a few for the grandkids who couldn't make it, so I'd order 30.
>
> Since people will actually cook from it, I think coil binding is the way to go, because it **(12)** _____. For 30 copies, that comes to **(13)** _____ each. I know you wanted hardcover,

but that would cost nearly three times as much, and I know money is tight for you this year. I don't want either of us to break the bank. I would add the **(14)** _____ for an extra $2, though, since Mom's recipe cards were always covered in flour.

One problem is that I typed everything in Word, so we'll pay **(15)** _____ to have it converted, unless your Aoife can turn it into a PDF for us. On the bright side, because we're ordering more than 25, **(16)** _____, so we can check every page first.

Let me know what you think, and I'll split the bill with you.

Colleen

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** holds up to 300 pages **B** comes with a colour cover **C** is sewn to last for years **D** stays open flat on the counter

13. **A** $16 **B** $13 **C** $11 **D** $18

14. **A** laminated cover **B** colour inside pages **C** design help **D** glued spine

15. **A** $45 an hour **B** $20 for a proof **C** a flat $30 **D** nothing extra

16. **A** the printed proof copy is free **B** delivery to my house costs nothing **C** we will get 20% off the order **D** colour photos are included

17. Colleen and Declan are probably

A cousins planning the reunion together.
B co-workers at a print shop.
C sister and brother.
D neighbours in the same town.

18. Why does Colleen want to order 30 copies?

A to sell them to raise money for the reunion
B so that most families can have their own
C because the shop has a minimum order
D to get free delivery to Declan's home

19. When Colleen says she doesn't want to "break the bank," she means she doesn't want to

A borrow money from a bank.
B order too few copies.
C miss the reunion in August.
D spend more than they can afford.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Ottawa's Tulips: A Gift of Thanks

Paragraph A

Every May, Ottawa bursts into colour as hundreds of thousands of tulips bloom across the city. They line the banks of the Rideau Canal and fill flower beds in parks and in front of government buildings, and the largest displays are found at Commissioners Park, beside Dow's Lake. The flowers appear in a wide range of colours, from deep reds to nearly white. Residents and tourists come to photograph them, and the Canadian Tulip Festival draws large crowds each spring. Yet many of the people who stroll past the flower beds have no idea why the capital is so devoted to this particular flower. The answer lies in the Second World War and in a friendship between Canada and the Netherlands.

Paragraph B

When German forces invaded the Netherlands in May 1940, the Dutch royal family was forced to flee. Princess Juliana, the heir to the throne, came to Ottawa with her two young daughters and spent most of the war years there, living quietly in the capital. In 1943, she gave birth to a third daughter, Princess Margriet, at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Because a child born on Canadian soil would normally be a Canadian citizen, the Canadian government took the unusual step of declaring the hospital rooms temporarily outside Canada, so that the baby would be Dutch only. On the day she was born, the Dutch flag was flown from the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

Paragraph C

Meanwhile, Canadian soldiers played a major part in freeing the Netherlands. In the autumn of 1944 and the spring of 1945, they fought through the flooded fields and towns of the country, and many lost their lives there. The fighting was slow and costly, since the low, wet ground made it hard for vehicles to move. By then, the population in the west of the country was in desperate need. During the bitter "Hunger Winter" of 1944–45, food supplies were cut off, and some families were reduced to eating tulip bulbs to survive. When Canadian troops arrived, they were greeted as heroes. Even today, Dutch schoolchildren and families look after the graves of Canadian soldiers buried in the Netherlands.

Paragraph D

In the autumn of 1945, the Netherlands sent 100,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa to thank Canadians for their help. Princess Juliana, who became queen in 1948, continued to send bulbs to the city every year. The flowers became such a feature of the capital that a festival was organized around them in the early 1950s, and it grew into one of Ottawa's best-known events. Each autumn, gardeners plant fresh bulbs so that the beds are ready when the snow melts. Bulbs still arrive from the Netherlands every year, and for many Canadians and Dutch people, the tulips remain a living symbol of the bond formed between the two countries during the war.

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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 birth of a royal baby in Ottawa required a special legal arrangement. _____

21. Some of the biggest tulip beds in the city are found next to water. _____

22. Wartime hunger drove some people to eat something usually grown for planting. _____

23. A royal continued the original gift after becoming the country's monarch. _____

24. The first bulbs sent to Ottawa came from the royal family's private gardens. _____

25. Many people who admire the flowers do not know the story behind them. _____

26. Princess Juliana herself first organized Ottawa's tulip festival. _____

27. Canadians who died freeing the Netherlands are still honoured there. _____

28. A gift meant as a thank-you became the basis for a yearly celebration. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Keeping Cats Indoors in Millbrook Debate

> Cats have roamed Millbrook's backyards for generations, but a draft bylaw would confine them indoors or to their owners' property, either leashed or in an enclosed pen known as a catio. Enforcement would depend on complaints: after a neighbour's report, an officer could trap a wandering animal and return it, with fines for repeat cases. Comparable rules in several Canadian municipalities have produced mixed results.
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> Councillor Dana Whitfield, the bylaw's sponsor, notes that cats digging in gardens, spraying doorways and brawling beneath bedroom windows now rank second among complaints to the bylaw office, trailing only parking. "Dog owners have been accountable for their animals for decades," she observes. Disclaiming any punitive intent, she envisions a full year of warnings before the first fine, and has asked staff to investigate discounted enclosures for low-income households.
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> Owen Pratt, president of the Millbrook Field Naturalists, welcomes the measure on behalf of songbirds, which outdoor cats reportedly slaughter in enormous numbers. "Members report that nesting sites along Cedar Creek have fallen silent," he says. He nevertheless refrains from exaggerating its reach. "The biggest threat to birds is the loss of the places where they live," he cautions, though confining cats remains among the few remedies a municipality can apply cheaply and promptly.
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> Dr. Raj Bhandari, a Millbrook veterinarian for twenty years, considers indoor cats demonstrably safer from traffic, coyotes and infection. Legislation is another matter. "Most clients lack not willingness but know-how," he maintains, so he would redirect the money from officers with traps toward free workshops and low-cost spaying. Fines, he suspects, could also persuade some owners to surrender their pets.
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> That prospect alarms Marguerite Hall, whose Second Chance Cat Rescue already has over sixty cats on its waiting list. She keeps her own five indoors and sees no justification for pets wandering. Many animals on Millbrook's streets, however, have no owner to penalize. "A bylaw only works on people who can be fined," she remarks, predicting fuller shelters and undiminished strays. Her preference is a municipally funded program to trap, neuter and return them, gradually reducing their population.

29. Bhandari and Hall would both prefer that the town

A run workshops for cat owners.
B direct its funds toward sterilization.
C relieve the shelter's waiting list.
D subsidize enclosures for poorer households.

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30. Pratt's attitude to the bylaw is

A cautiously opposed.
B enthusiastic and confident.
C supportive but realistic.
D resigned and pessimistic.

31. Whitfield's manner toward cat owners is

A patient and accommodating.
B apologetic and hesitant.
C stern but evenhanded.
D wary and suspicious.

32. What can we reasonably conclude?

A Similar bylaws elsewhere have largely succeeded.
B Cats now draw more complaints than parking.
C Most owners would readily confine their cats.
D The bylaw's critics dislike roaming pets too.

33. An appropriate title would be

A "Millbrook Examines Why Its Bylaw Complaints Keep Rising"
B "How Far Should Millbrook Go on Cats?"
C "Millbrook Studies Ways to Shrink Its Stray Population"
D "Millbrook Asks Whether Indoor Cats Live Longer"

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 someone who feeds birds all winter, I welcomed this bylaw; every spring I find feathers beneath my feeder. The councillor's principle strikes me as unanswerable: **(34)** _____. Owners crying persecution should reread the timetable, since the plan would **(35)** _____.
>
> Not unlike Ms. Hall, I doubt the bylaw can do the whole job, because **(36)** _____.
>
> The veterinarian's faith in owners seems generous to me: he supposes they would comply if **(37)** _____. Mr. Pratt's candour, however, disarms me. For a man defending songbirds, it cannot be easy to grant that **(38)** _____. A cheap step that helps somewhat still beats none.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** cat owners owe what dog owners do **B** parking and pets deserve equal attention **C** a household's budget shouldn't decide compliance **D** indoor animals live longer and safer lives

35. **A** fine only repeat cases **B** discount cat enclosures **C** start with warnings **D** rely on neighbours' complaints

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36. **A** fines may drive owners to surrender pets **B** officers need a neighbour's report
C warnings delay any penalty **D** many cats answer to no owner

37. **A** the fines were steep enough **B** they got some guidance
C they grasped the dangers outside **D** spaying were less costly

38. **A** cats do little damage to songbirds **B** nesting sites have gone quiet
C cats aren't the worst threat **D** a bylaw would be slow

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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: Ottawa's Tulips: A Gift of Thanks

20 B

21 A

22 C

23 D

24 E

25 A

26 E

27 C

28 D

Part 4: Keeping Cats Indoors in Millbrook Debate

29 B direct its funds toward sterilization.

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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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