CELPIP Reading Practice Test 48

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

Planning a Street Hockey Tournament for the Neighborhood Kids

Dear Melissa,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to discuss an idea I've been thinking about for our neighborhood kids - organizing a street hockey tournament on Maple Avenue during the upcoming long weekend in May.

Since moving to Burnaby last year, I've noticed how many children in our area love playing street hockey. Almost every evening, I see at least 6 or 7 kids with hockey sticks playing in their driveways. My son Tyler has made several friends this way, and I think a small tournament would be a wonderful community event.

I've already spoken with a few parents on our block, and they seem quite enthusiastic about the idea. We're thinking of blocking off the cul-de-sac portion of Maple Avenue from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, May 21st. I contacted the city office yesterday, and they said we would need to get signatures from at least 75% of the residents on our street and submit a temporary road closure application by April 30th. The application fee is only $45, which I'm happy to cover.

For the tournament itself, I'm envisioning 4-5 teams with 5-6 players each, ages 8-14. We could set up a simple round-robin format in the morning, followed by playoffs in the afternoon. Nothing too competitive - the focus would be on fun and community building. I was touched when Mr. Peterson from the corner house offered to donate water bottles and oranges for all the participants.

I'm a bit concerned about safety, of course. I was thinking we could require helmets for all players and have at least two parents supervising at all times. Do you think we should also have some basic first aid supplies on hand? I have a kit, but it might need restocking.

Since you've lived in the neighborhood longer than I have and you organized that wonderful Easter egg hunt last month, I thought you might have some insights or suggestions. Would you be interested in helping coordinate this event? Your experience would be invaluable, and I'd be a little less nervous with your support.

Please let me know what you think. If you're interested, perhaps we could meet for coffee at that little café on Hastings Street this weekend to discuss the details further.

Thanks for considering this!

Warmly,Sarah

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1. The main purpose of this email is to …

A request permission to block off a street.
B invite Melissa to a hockey tournament.
C seek help with organizing a community event.
D complain about children playing in the street.

2. According to the email, Sarah has already …

A obtained permission from the city.
B collected signatures from neighbors.
C purchased safety equipment.
D spoken with some parents about the idea.

3. To block off the street, Sarah needs to …

A pay a fee of $75.
B get approval from most residents.
C submit an application by May 21st.
D contact the police department.

4. Mr. Peterson has offered to …

A supervise the children.
B provide refreshments.
C host the tournament at his house.
D donate safety equipment.

5. Sarah is concerned about …

A having enough players for the tournament.
B the competitive nature of the event.
C keeping the children safe during play.
D getting permission from the city.

6. Sarah values Melissa's input because …

A Melissa is a hockey coach.
B Melissa has experience organizing community events.
C Melissa works for the city office.
D Melissa has medical training.

Here is a response to the message. Complete the response by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank.

> Dear Sarah, Thank you for your email about the street hockey tournament. What a fantastic idea! I'd be more than happy to **(7)** _____. The Easter egg hunt was much simpler than what you're proposing, but I learned a lot about coordinating neighborhood activities. I agree that **(8)** _____

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> is essential - perhaps we could ask Dr. Williams down the street if she would be willing to be on standby? She's a pediatrician and I know she has **(9)** _____. Regarding the tournament structure, I wonder if we should consider **(10)** _____ based on age groups? The skill difference between 8 and 14-year-olds can be quite significant. I'm free this Saturday afternoon for coffee, and I can bring the **(11)** _____ I used for the Easter event. Looking forward to making this happen! Best, Melissa

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** attend the tournament **B** help you organize this event **C** sign your petition **D** donate some equipment

8. **A** having enough teams **B** blocking the street properly **C** safety planning **D** parental supervision

9. **A** children who play hockey **B** experience with sports injuries **C** a large driveway for practice **D** connections at city hall

10. **A** dividing the teams **B** scheduling more breaks **C** inviting more players **D** shortening the games

11. **A** permission forms **B** planning checklist **C** first aid supplies **D** hockey equipment

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Home Air Purifier Installation and Filter Maintenance Guide

> BREATHE EASY HOME AIR PURIFIER
>
> Installation & Maintenance Guide
>
> Basic Installation Steps
>
> - Choose location away from walls (minimum 2 feet)
> - Plug into standard 120V outlet
> - Remove all plastic wrapping from filters
> - Insert filters in correct order (see diagram below)
> - Press power button to begin operation
>
> Filter Configuration (Bottom to Top)
>
> Pre-filter (Grey)
>
> - Captures large particles and hair
> - Clean every 2-4 weeks
> - Replace every 6 months
>
> Cost: $19.99
>
> HEPA Filter (White)
>
> - Removes 99.97% of airborne particles
> - Replace every 12 months
> - Do not wash
>
> Cost: $49.99
>
> Carbon Filter (Black)
>
> - Eliminates odors and gases
> - Replace every 8 months
> - Do not vacuum
>
> Cost: $39.99
>
> Maintenance Schedule
>
> Daily: Check filter indicator light
>
> Weekly: Wipe exterior with dry cloth

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Monthly: Clean pre-filter

Yearly: Replace HEPA filter

Warning Indicators

Red Light: Replace HEPA filter

Yellow Light: Replace carbon filter

Blue Light: Clean pre-filter

Green Light: Normal operation

Troubleshooting

Low airflow: • Check for blocked air intake

- Clean or replace pre-filter
- Ensure 2-foot clearance around unit

Noise issues: • Check filter installation

- Ensure unit is level
- Reduce fan speed

For Support: Phone: 1-800-AIR-PURE

Email: support@breatheasy.com

Website: www.breatheasy.com

Note: Use only genuine Breathe Easy replacement filters to maintain warranty coverage. Operating unit without proper filters may cause damage and void warranty.

Read the following email message. Complete the email by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank.

Hi John, Thanks for purchasing the Breathe Easy purifier from our store. I noticed you had some questions about maintenance, so I thought I'd send you a quick email. First, make sure you **(12)** _____ before you start using it. For optimal performance, the unit needs **(13)** _____. The filter system is pretty straightforward - there are three filters that need different care. The pre-filter needs **(14)** _____, while the HEPA filter **(15)** _____. If you're noticing the unit isn't working well, first check if **(16)** _____. Let me know if you need anything else! Best regards, Sarah

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** clean all the filters thoroughly **B** remove the plastic from the filters **C** register the product online **D** test the warning lights

13. **A** weekly cleaning **B** monthly maintenance **C** two feet of space from walls **D** genuine replacement filters

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14. **A** replacement every month **B** cleaning every 2-4 weeks **C** vacuuming regularly **D** washing with water

15. **A** should be cleaned monthly **B** needs vacuuming regularly **C** should never be washed **D** requires weekly maintenance

16. **A** the warranty is still valid **B** the air intake is blocked **C** the power cord is damaged **D** the unit is properly plugged in

Choose the best option.

> The Breathe Easy purifier **(17)** _____.
>
> The carbon filter **(18)** _____.
>
> The warranty will remain valid if **(19)** _____.

Choose the best option for each gap.

17. **A** requires professional installation **B** needs special electrical wiring **C** uses three different filters **D** must be cleaned daily

18. **A** is the most expensive to replace **B** needs replacement most frequently **C** should be vacuumed regularly **D** lasts longer than the HEPA filter

19. **A** the unit is registered online **B** genuine filters are used **C** maintenance is done weekly **D** professional installation is done

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

The Hoodoo Formations: Geological Wonders of the Canadian Badlands

Paragraph A

The Canadian Badlands in Alberta are home to some of the world's most striking geological formations known as hoodoos. These towering pillars of sedimentary rock, typically 5 to 7 meters tall, feature distinctive mushroom-like caps perched atop slender columns. Formed over millions of years, hoodoos consist primarily of sandstone layers interspersed with harder materials such as ironstone. Their peculiar shapes result from differential erosion—a process whereby softer rock erodes more rapidly than the resistant caprock above it. The Badlands' semi-arid climate, with its infrequent but intense rainfall, freezing winters, and wind patterns, creates ideal conditions for this erosional phenomenon to occur at a geologically rapid pace.

Paragraph B

Indigenous peoples have long incorporated hoodoos into their cultural narratives. The Blackfoot referred to these formations as 'Ookotoks,' meaning 'rock' or 'stone,' and believed they were petrified giants who came alive at night to hurl rocks at intruders. This folklore served as a practical warning against traversing the treacherous terrain after dark. European settlers, upon encountering these formations in the late 19th century, initially viewed them with superstition, sometimes attributing supernatural qualities to them. The term 'hoodoo' itself derives from 'voodoo,' reflecting early settlers' perception of these formations as mysterious or enchanted—a linguistic testament to their otherworldly appearance.

Paragraph C

The scientific understanding of hoodoo formation involves complex geological processes occurring over vast timescales. Approximately 75 million years ago, the region was submerged beneath an inland sea where sediments accumulated in horizontal layers. Following the sea's retreat and subsequent uplift of the land, erosional forces began sculpting the landscape. The differential weathering process is particularly accelerated during freeze-thaw cycles, when water infiltrates tiny cracks in the rock, expands upon freezing, and gradually fractures the stone. Additionally, the region's occasional torrential downpours carve vertical channels in the softer underlying material while leaving the protective caprock relatively intact, gradually revealing the distinctive pillar formations.

Paragraph D

Despite their apparent solidity, hoodoos remain in a perpetual state of transformation. Geologists estimate these formations erode at a rate of approximately one centimeter per year, making them relatively ephemeral features in geological terms. Conservation efforts have intensified as tourism to the Badlands has increased substantially over recent decades. The Drumheller hoodoos, among the

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most accessible examples, now feature protective walkways and viewing platforms to prevent visitors from accelerating erosion through direct contact. Environmental scientists continue to monitor these formations, as they provide valuable insights into erosional processes and serve as indicators of climate change impacts on fragile geological landscapes throughout the region.

Paragraph E

Not given in any of the above paragraphs.

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 name given to these rock formations reflects early cultural misunderstandings. _____

21. Hoodoos are composed of multiple types of rock materials. _____

22. Indigenous stories about hoodoos had practical safety implications. _____

23. Scientists can accurately predict when specific hoodoos will collapse. _____

24. The formation of hoodoos began when the area was underwater. _____

25. Measures have been implemented to protect hoodoos from human-caused damage. _____

26. Water plays a crucial role in shaping these distinctive rock formations. _____

27. The Canadian Badlands contain the tallest hoodoos in North America. _____

28. Hoodoos are considered sacred sites by local Indigenous communities today. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Urban Farming: Solution for Food Security or Inefficient Use of City Space?

Urban farming, once considered a fringe hobby, has blossomed into a significant movement across Canadian cities in recent years. According to a 2023 survey by the Canadian Urban Agriculture Network, community gardens and rooftop farms have increased by 67% in major metropolitan areas since 2018, reflecting growing interest in local food production.

Sarah Chen, a former financial analyst turned urban farmer in Toronto, has transformed a vacant downtown lot into "GreenCity Acres," a thriving agricultural space that produces over 2,000 pounds of vegetables annually. "Urban farming isn't just about growing food—it's about reconnecting people with what they eat and creating resilient local food systems," Chen explains. Her quarter-acre plot supplies produce to three neighborhood restaurants and a weekly farmers market. The farm has become a community hub, hosting workshops on sustainable growing practices and food preservation techniques that draw participants from across the city.

Not everyone views urban agriculture as an efficient use of valuable city space. Real estate developer Marcus Patel points to the economic realities of urban land use. "In a city where housing costs continue to skyrocket, dedicating prime real estate to growing vegetables that could be more efficiently produced in rural areas seems misguided," Patel argues. He estimates that the land value of Chen's farm could support a mid-rise building with 40 residential units. "Cities need to prioritize density and housing affordability over small-scale agriculture that produces relatively little food per square meter."

Environmental scientist Dr. Amara Wilson from the University of British Columbia sees merit in both perspectives. "Urban farms provide numerous benefits beyond food production—they reduce urban heat island effects, manage stormwater runoff, and create biodiversity corridors," Wilson notes. Her research indicates that integrated urban agriculture systems can capture up to 30% of a neighborhood's food waste for composting while providing fresh produce with minimal transportation emissions. However, she acknowledges limitations: "Urban farming alone cannot feed our cities. We need to view it as one component of a diversified food system that includes traditional agriculture and innovative technologies."

Montreal city planner Jean-Pierre Dubois believes the solution lies in creative integration rather than either-or thinking. "We are incorporating food production into new developments through mandatory green roofs, vertical gardens, and community garden spaces," Dubois says. His department recently approved plans for a mixed-use development featuring 200 housing units with integrated food production spaces expected to yield five tons of produce annually. "The future of urban farming is not separate from urban development but woven into the fabric of how we design our cities," he asserts.

Choose the best option according to the information.

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1. The article mainly discusses the **(29)** _____.

2. Sarah Chen believes that urban farming primarily **(30)** _____.

3. Marcus Patel's criticism of urban farming suggests that **(31)** _____.

4. Dr. Wilson's perspective on urban farming could best be described as **(32)** _____.

5. According to the article, urban farming in Canadian cities has **(33)** _____.

Choose the best option for each gap.

29. **A** economic benefits of urban agriculture for city residents.
B debate surrounding urban farming in Canadian cities.
C technical aspects of establishing urban farms.
D environmental impact of traditional versus urban agriculture.

30. **A** serves as a profitable business venture for entrepreneurs.
B provides a solution to urban housing shortages.
C fosters community connections to food production.
D reduces transportation costs for agricultural products.

31. **A** urban farms fail to produce sufficient quantities of food.
B land could be better utilized for addressing housing needs.
C urban farming techniques are not environmentally sustainable.
D community gardens attract unwanted elements to neighborhoods.

32. **A** enthusiastically supportive without reservations. **B** dismissive of its practical applications.
C balanced, recognizing both benefits and limitations.
D focused primarily on its economic disadvantages.

33. **A** remained relatively constant over the past five years.
B expanded significantly in recent years. **C** faced increasing regulatory obstacles.
D become less popular due to economic pressures.

The following is a comment by a reader. Complete the comment by choosing the best option to fill in each blank.

This article presents a fascinating look at the **(34)** _____ of urban farming in Canada. I appreciate how it showcases different perspectives rather than taking a simplistic stance. While Sarah Chen's success story is inspiring, I think Patel raises valid concerns about **(35)** _____. What's particularly compelling is Dr. Wilson's research showing that urban farms can **(36)** _____. The Montreal approach described by Dubois seems most promising to me—why choose between housing and farming when we can **(37)** _____? This integrated approach acknowledges that urban agriculture isn't meant to replace traditional farming but rather to **(38)** _____. I hope more Canadian cities adopt this balanced perspective.

Choose the best option for each gap.

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34. **A** evolution **B** controversy **C** decline **D** regulation

35. **A** the environmental impact of urban development
B the inefficiency of small-scale production **C** land use priorities in expensive urban areas
D the lack of agricultural expertise among city dwellers

36. **A** replace rural agriculture entirely **B** address multiple urban environmental challenges
C generate significant profits for municipalities **D** eliminate the need for traditional food systems

37. **A** have both **B** relocate farms **C** prioritize housing **D** conduct research

38. **A** create temporary solutions **B** complement existing food systems
C provide emergency food supplies **D** educate children about agriculture

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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 seek help with organizing a community event.

2 D spoken with some parents about the idea.

3 B get approval from most residents.

4 B provide refreshments.

5 C keeping the children safe during play.

6 B Melissa has experience organizing community events.

7 B help you organize this event

8 C safety planning

9 B experience with sports injuries

10 A dividing the teams

11 B planning checklist

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20 B

21 A

22 B

23 E

24 C

25 D

26 C

27 E

28 E

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29 B debate surrounding urban farming in Canadian cities.

30 C fosters community connections to food production.

31 B land could be better utilized for addressing housing needs.

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33 B expanded significantly in recent years.

34 A evolution

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38 B complement existing food 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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