CELPIP Reading Practice Test 61

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

Late and Damaged Sofa Delivery

Dear Mr. Whitfield,

I am writing about a sectional sofa that I bought from your Kenaston Boulevard showroom on August 9. When I placed the order, the salesperson, Darren, assured me that the sofa, a three-piece charcoal grey model called the Lakeshore, would be delivered within two weeks. I also paid an extra $89 for your premium "Room of Choice" delivery service, which, according to your brochure, includes carrying the furniture into any room, setting it up, and taking away all of the packaging.

The delivery was booked for August 23. I took the day off work and waited at home from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., but nobody showed up. When I called your store the next morning, I was told that the sofa was "still sitting in the Ontario warehouse" and that someone would contact me with a new date. No one did. After two more calls on my part, the sofa finally arrived on September 13, a full three weeks after the original date.

Sadly, the long wait was not the end of the story. The two delivery workers were obviously in a rush. They left the boxes in my front hall, explaining that they had "four more stops before lunch," and drove off before I could check anything. When my husband and I unpacked the boxes that evening, we found a long tear in the fabric on the back of the corner section, and one of its wooden legs had snapped off completely. The cardboard and plastic wrapping are still piled up in our garage.

I understand that delays happen, particularly with shipments from other provinces. What disappoints me is the lack of communication and the fact that I paid for a service I never received. My family has shopped at Hartwell for over ten years. Our dining set and both bedroom suites came from your store, and I have always recommended you to friends and neighbours.

I would like the damaged corner section replaced rather than repaired, as the tear is in a very visible spot. I also expect a full refund of the $89 delivery fee, and I ask that your team take away the packaging when the new section is delivered. I have attached photos of the damage and a copy of my receipt.

I look forward to hearing from you within the week. I can be reached at 204-555-0187 any weekday after 4 p.m.

Sincerely,

Priya Desai

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

A to cancel her order and get her money back
B to complain about the salesperson who served her
C to ask the store to put right several problems
D to request a discount on a future purchase

2. Priya stayed home from work on August 23 because

A she had to collect the sofa from the warehouse.
B she was expecting the sofa to be delivered.
C she was meeting the salesperson at the store.
D she wanted to inspect the sofa before it was sent.

3. According to Priya, the delivery workers

A did not give her a chance to check the sofa.
B broke the sofa leg while carrying it inside.
C refused to take the boxes past the front door.
D arrived later in the day than they had promised.

4. What bothers Priya the most?

A that the sofa was shipped from another province
B how long she had to wait for her sofa to arrive
C the quality of the fabric used on the sofa
D the store's silence and the service she never got

5. Priya mentions her dining set and bedroom suites to show that she

A is a long-time customer of the store.
B needs the sofa to match her furniture.
C has had problems with the store before.
D plans to return those items as well.

6. Priya would most likely be satisfied if Hartwell

A sent a technician to fix the tear and the leg.
B replaced the torn section and returned her $89.
C gave her store credit instead of a refund.
D lowered the price of the sofa she bought.

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. Desai,
>
> Thank you for your letter, and please accept my sincere apologies. As our staff explained when you called, your sofa was delayed because **(7)** _____. However, there is no excuse for the fact that

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(8) _____.

I was also troubled to read that our crew left without **(9)** _____. This is not the level of service our customers pay for, and I have already spoken with our delivery supervisor.

A new corner section in charcoal grey will reach our warehouse on October 2. Our crew will set it up, take away the damaged piece, and **(10)** _____. The $89 fee has already been refunded to your credit card.

In recognition of your **(11)** _____, I would also like to offer you 15% off your next purchase.

Sincerely,

Gordon Whitfield

Customer Care Manager, Hartwell Home Furnishings

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** the delivery truck had broken down **B** the fabric you chose was out of stock
C it was held up in our Ontario warehouse **D** you asked us to change the delivery date

8. **A** nobody called you with a new delivery date **B** you were charged twice for the sofa
C our salesperson was rude on the phone **D** the sofa arrived earlier than expected

9. **A** collecting payment for the sofa **B** asking you to sign a delivery form
C explaining how to attach the legs **D** setting the sofa up in your room

10. **A** repair the tear in the fabric **B** remove the packaging from your garage
C deliver a matching armchair **D** pick up your dining set for cleaning

11. **A** recent purchase of a dining set **B** quick payment of the delivery fee
C patience and many years of loyalty **D** complaints about our salesperson

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Library Programs for a Newcomer



Maple Creek Public Library

Riverside Branch · November 2026 Program Calendar

ALL FREE!

FOR ADULTS		
English Conversation Circle	Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Practise everyday English in a friendly group. Drop-in
Résumé & Cover Letter Workshop	Sat., Nov. 7 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Learn what Canadian employers look for. Registration required (15 spots)
Library Card & e-Resources Tour	Mon., Nov. 2 & Mon., Nov. 16 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Ebooks, language-learning apps and free movie streaming. Drop-in
Citizenship Test Study Group	Sat., Nov. 21 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Review the official study guide with practice quizzes. Registration required
FOR KIDS & FAMILIES		
Baby Rhyme Time	Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Ages 0–2 with a caregiver. Songs, rhymes and bounces. Drop-in
Storytime & Crafts	Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ages 3–5. Registration required for all 4 sessions
LEGO Builders Club	Thursdays 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Ages 6–10. Build, test and show off! Registration required
Homework Help	Mon. – Thurs. 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Grades 4–8. Volunteer tutors for math and reading. Drop-in
Family Movie Afternoon	Sun., Nov. 29 2:00 p.m.	All ages. Free popcorn! Drop-in

⚠ Registration Rules

- Registration opens on the **20th of the previous month at 9:00 a.m.**, online or at the Information Desk.
- You need a valid Maple Creek library card to register. Cards are **free for residents**: bring photo ID and proof of your current address.
- Register each child separately. A parent or caregiver must **stay in the library** during programs for children under 8.
- Can't make it? Cancel **at least 24 hours before** so someone on the waitlist can take your place. Two no-shows in one month = no registration the following month.

The branch is closed Wednesday, November 11, for Remembrance Day. | 455 Riverside Drive | 555-0142

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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: Library plans for November
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> To: Hana Kim
>
> From: Daniela Ortiz
>
> Hi Hana,
>
> Thanks again for showing me around the neighbourhood last week. You were right about the Riverside library. It has so much for newcomers, and everything is free! I picked up the November calendar, and I'm already making plans.
>
> First things first: I need a library card, so tomorrow I'll bring my passport and **(12)** _____. I'd love to improve my English, but my cleaning shift at the hospital starts at 6:00 every evening, so the

(13) _____ is out for now. Instead, I want to take the résumé workshop. There are only a few spots, so I'll go online at **(14)** _____ to register the moment it opens.

As for the kids, Mateo just turned four, so **(15)** _____ would suit him perfectly. Here's my problem, though: it overlaps with my workshop on the 7th, and the library won't let me leave him on his own. Would you be able to stay with him that morning? I know it's a big favour to ask, so no hard feelings if you can't.

Sofía is going to join the LEGO club. I've heard it fills up fast, so if we ever can't make it, I'll be sure to **(16)** _____ so we don't lose our chance to register in December.

Hugs,

Daniela

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** two passport-sized photos **B** a letter showing my new address **C** a $10 fee for the card **D** my children's birth certificates

13. **A** Résumé & Cover Letter Workshop **B** Library Card & e-Resources Tour **C** Citizenship Test Study Group **D** English Conversation Circle

14. **A** 9:00 a.m. on October 20 **B** 10:00 a.m. on November 7 **C** 9:00 a.m. on November 20 **D** 2:00 p.m. on November 2

15. **A** Baby Rhyme Time **B** Homework Help **C** Storytime & Crafts **D** LEGO Builders Club

16. **A** phone the branch within an hour **B** pay the small no-show fee **C** bring a note from her school **D** cancel at least a day ahead

17. What is Hana's relationship to Daniela?

A a friend who has helped Daniela settle in
B a librarian at the Riverside branch
C Daniela's co-worker at the hospital
D Mateo's teacher at his new school

18. Why does Daniela ask Hana for help on November 7?

A Daniela does not yet have a library card.
B Hana's son is also signed up for storytime.
C A caregiver must stay in the library with Mateo.
D Daniela has to work an extra shift that morning.

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19. When Daniela writes “no hard feelings,” she means that she

A is still upset about something Hana said.

B will not be offended if Hana says no.

C worries that Mateo will behave badly.

D feels guilty about asking for help so often.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Northern Lights Over Yellowknife

Paragraph A

For thousands of years, people in the North have watched curtains of green and violet light ripple across the winter sky. Today, scientists understand that the aurora borealis, or northern lights, begins about 150 million kilometres away, on the surface of the sun. The sun constantly releases a stream of electrically charged particles known as the solar wind. When these particles reach Earth, most are turned away by the planet's magnetic field, but some are channelled along invisible field lines toward the North and South Poles. There, they collide with gas molecules in the upper atmosphere and release energy as light. The colour depends on which gas is struck and at what height. Oxygen about 100 to 250 kilometres up produces the familiar yellow-green glow, while oxygen at greater heights creates rarer red tones. Nitrogen adds touches of blue and purple, often seen along the lower edges of a display.

Paragraph B

The strength of the lights rises and falls with the sun's activity, which follows a cycle of roughly eleven years. During the peak of a cycle, powerful eruptions on the sun can push the lights far south of their usual range, and residents of cities such as Toronto and Vancouver may suddenly find the sky above them glowing pink. Most of the time, however, the aurora is concentrated in a ring-shaped zone around the magnetic pole called the auroral oval. Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories, sits almost directly beneath this oval. Combined with its flat landscape and dry, often cloudless winter climate, this location means the lights can be seen there on as many as 240 nights a year.

Paragraph C

These conditions have turned the small city into one of the world's best-known aurora destinations. Visitors began arriving in significant numbers in the late 1980s, many of them from Japan, and today they come from across Asia, Europe and southern Canada. Local operators run nightly tours to viewing sites outside the city, where guests wait in heated cabins or canvas tents with hot chocolate and bannock until the sky comes alive. Because winter temperatures regularly fall below minus 30 degrees Celsius, many companies rent out insulated parkas, boots and mitts. Although most people picture the aurora above snowy fields, the late-summer season from mid-August to September is growing in popularity, since the lights can be watched reflecting off open lakes in far milder weather.

Paragraph D

The industry also faces challenges. Some longtime residents worry that crowded viewing sites and tour buses are changing the quiet character of lakes they once had to themselves. Others point to the lights' cultural meaning. In Dene tradition, the aurora has been linked to the spirits of ancestors, and some elders feel visitors should be taught to treat it with respect rather than as a simple photo

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> opportunity. In response, several Indigenous-owned tour companies now share stories and traditional knowledge alongside the viewing experience. Guides also advise visitors to leave city lights behind, check the aurora forecast, and keep spare camera batteries warm inside their jackets. Meanwhile, warmer winters have shortened the period when lakes freeze solidly enough for vehicles, making some popular viewing spots harder to reach.

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 colour of the lights is affected by both the type of gas and its altitude. _____

21. Yellowknife's position under a band of activity helps explain how often the lights appear there. _____

22. Some visitors choose to see the lights at a time of year when the weather is less harsh. _____

23. For some Indigenous people, the lights have a spiritual meaning. _____

24. Visitors who stay in Yellowknife for three nights are certain to see the lights. _____

25. At times of intense solar activity, people in southern Canada may be able to see the aurora. _____

26. Many tour companies offer winter clothing to customers for a fee. _____

27. Experts expect warmer winters to make the northern lights less visible. _____

28. Some particles from the sun are guided toward the poles by Earth's magnetic field. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Remote Work and Empty Downtowns

Three winters after most office workers were sent home, downtown Westbridge remains conspicuously subdued. On Mondays and Fridays the financial district is quiet enough to hear pigeons on the pavement. A recent municipal report puts office vacancy at 24 percent. Only about half of downtown employees come in more than twice weekly. Restaurants, dry cleaners and shoe-repair shops dependent on the lunchtime crowd are struggling, and buses once crammed at rush hour circulate half-empty.

Marcus Chen has operated a noodle counter on Kemper Street for eighteen years. With Monday and Friday sales down nearly 40 percent, he has dismissed two employees and shortened his hours. “If the big employers don’t bring people back,” he predicts, “places like mine won’t survive another winter.”

Councillor Ruth Abernathy has introduced a motion obliging the city’s own 3,000 office employees to work on-site at least four days a week from January. She reasons that “we can’t expect private firms to support downtown unless we lead by example.” The motion would also grant a property tax break to businesses that bring staff back for most of the week.

Dr. Samira Okafor, who teaches urban economics at Westbridge University, derides such mandates as “trying to rebuild a 1985 downtown in 2026.” The fundamental flaw, she contends, is a core designed around a single activity. A resilient downtown requires residents, not merely commuters. She would accelerate permits for converting vacant office towers into apartments and subsidize cultural programming that attracts visitors on evenings and weekends.

At Westbridge Transit, ridership hovers at 72 percent of pre-pandemic levels, leaving a $30-million shortfall in fare revenue. Instead of simply cutting service, general manager Paul Lindqvist has redeployed buses from rush-hour express routes to midday and weekend routes, where demand has actually grown. “We don’t need a full return. What we need is predictability,” he says.

Jenna Morrow, a software tester whose suburban commute takes ninety minutes each way by bus, has regained fifteen hours a week by working from home. “I enjoy seeing my team on Wednesdays,” she admits, “but make it five days and I’m job-hunting.” A local business survey suggests nearly a third of hybrid workers feel likewise.

29. Whose outlook is closest to Abernathy’s?

A Jenna Morrow
B Samira Okafor
C Marcus Chen
D Paul Lindqvist

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30. What does moving buses reveal about Westbridge Transit?

A It is short $30 million in fares.

B Its service now follows demand.

C Its ridership is at 72 percent of former levels.

D It expects a full return of riders.

31. Okafor's main objection to Chen's plea is that it

A leaves downtown relying on commuters.

B ignores the empty office towers.

C overlooks the city's own 3,000 staff.

D understates how far his sales have fallen.

32. Why might employers refuse Abernathy's tax break?

A Office vacancy already stands at 24 percent.

B Only half of employees come in regularly.

C Transit ridership remains below former levels.

D Office mandates could cost them workers.

33. Which title best captures the article?

A "Westbridge Agrees on a Plan to Revive Its Downtown"

B "Bringing Downtown Back: Whose Job Is It?"

C "Remote Work Has Done Downtown Westbridge Little Harm"

D "Downtown Westbridge Bounces Back as Workers Return"

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 an accountant with a small downtown office, I find Councillor Abernathy's plan short-sighted. Filling a few lunch counters with city clerks would leave downtown's **(34)** _____ untouched, and Dr. Okafor's prescription shows why: we need people who **(35)** _____. And why should large firms be **(36)** _____ for summoning staff back? Ms. Morrow's threat suggests that employers would simply **(37)** _____. The city should take a lesson from its own bus agency, which has **(38)** _____. I have watched this street for twenty years, and no motion ever filled a sidewalk. Downtown recovers when people choose to come, not when they are ordered.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** underlying flaw **B** lunchtime trade **C** fare shortfall **D** office workforce

35. **A** work on-site **B** put down roots **C** commute in again **D** eat lunch nearby

36. **A** penalized **B** consulted **C** rewarded **D** audited

37. **A** lose valuable staff **B** lose fifteen hours a week **C** fill their empty towers **D** gain a fuller Wednesday

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38. **A** absorbed a $30-million shortfall **B** cut service to save money **C** called for a full return **D** stopped waiting for the old rush hour

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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 2: Library Programs for a Newcomer

12 B a letter showing my new address

13 D English Conversation Circle

14 A 9:00 a.m. on October 20

15 C Storytime & Crafts

16 D cancel at least a day ahead

17 A a friend who has helped Daniela settle in

18 C A caregiver must stay in the library with Mateo.

19 B will not be offended if Hana says no.

Part 3: Northern Lights Over Yellowknife

20 A

21 B

22 C

23 D

24 E

25 B

26 C

27 E

28 A

Part 4: Remote Work and Empty Downtowns

29 C Marcus Chen

30 B Its service now follows demand.

31 A leaves downtown relying on commuters.

32 D Office mandates could cost them workers.

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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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