CELPIP Reading Practice Test 62

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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Part 1: Reading Correspondence	Welcome to the Food Bank Team	1–11	about 11 minutes
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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

Welcome to the Food Bank Team

Dear Tomás,

On behalf of everyone at the Harbourview Community Food Bank, welcome aboard! It was a pleasure meeting you at last Thursday's orientation, and I was delighted to see that you chose to join our Saturday team. With demand up nearly 30 percent since last year, we truly need every pair of hands we can get.

Your first shift will be on Saturday, October 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday is our busiest day: clients arrive from 10:00 onwards to pick up their weekly hampers, and volunteers help pack bags, restock shelves and guide people through the line. Please arrive fifteen minutes early so that Marguerite, our Saturday team lead, can show you around before the doors open. When you arrive, sign in on the tablet at the front desk. We use these records when we apply for government funding, so it really matters.

There are a few rules I'd like to remind you of. For safety reasons, closed-toe shoes are required at all times, and long hair must be tied back. We provide gloves and aprons. Out of respect for our clients' privacy, photos are never allowed in the distribution area, even if no faces are visible. Finally, volunteers may not take any food home, including dented cans or items close to their best-before date. Every donation has to be recorded, and our team leads decide what can still be given out.

If you are unable to make a shift, please let us know at least 48 hours ahead through the online scheduler so that we can find a replacement. Volunteers who miss three shifts without notice are removed from the schedule. I know life gets busy, so please don't hesitate to reach out if your availability changes.

A quick note about getting here: street parking is nearly impossible on Saturday mornings because of the farmers' market next door, so I recommend taking the number 52 bus, which stops right outside.

Lastly, if you are ever interested in helping with our after-school snack program, you would need to complete a police check, since you would be working with children. The food bank covers the cost. Our holiday hamper drive in December is also looking for volunteer drivers, so keep that in mind.

Thank you again for giving your time. I'm sure you'll fit right in!

Warm regards,

Denise Arsenault

Volunteer Coordinator

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1. Why did Denise write this letter?

A to remind Tomás to attend an orientation session
B to welcome Tomás and explain what to expect
C to ask Tomás to switch to a weekday team
D to thank Tomás for donating food to clients

2. On his first shift, Tomás will most likely

A sort donations in an empty warehouse.
B drive hampers to clients' homes.
C decide which food can be given out.
D help clients collect their food.

3. Volunteers are not allowed to take photos because

A the food bank wants to protect clients' privacy.
B the team lead needs volunteers to keep working.
C the pictures could be used in funding requests.
D the tablet at the front desk records everything.

4. What does Denise say about dented cans?

A Volunteers should throw them away.
B Clients are never allowed to receive them.
C Volunteers cannot take them home.
D They are given to the snack program.

5. If Tomás cannot come to a shift, he should

A call Marguerite on the morning of the shift.
B update the online scheduler two days ahead.
C find another volunteer to replace him.
D send Denise an email the night before.

6. Tomás would need a police check if he decided to

A drive for the holiday hamper drive.
B move to a weekday shift.
C become a Saturday team lead.
D help with the after-school program.

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 Denise,
>
> Thank you so much for the warm welcome. I'm really looking forward to **(7)** _____ on the 17th, and I'll be there by 9:15 so that Marguerite can show me around.

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> I've made a note of all the rules. I've already bought a pair of work boots, since I realize that **(8)** _____. I also understand why photos aren't allowed, and I promise to **(9)** _____ while I'm working.
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> Thanks for the tip about parking. I live right on the 52 route, so **(10)** _____ will be no problem at all.
>
> Finally, I'd love to help out in December. I have a clean driving record and a minivan, so please **(11)** _____.
>
> Best regards,
>
> Tomás Herrera

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** my first Saturday shift **B** the next orientation session **C** meeting the other drivers **D** my weekday warehouse shift

8. **A** volunteers must bring their own gloves **B** aprons are not provided on Saturdays **C** open-toed shoes are not permitted **D** the warehouse floor is often wet

9. **A** keep my phone in my pocket **B** only photograph the shelves **C** hide clients' faces in pictures **D** ask clients before taking photos

10. **A** finding street parking **B** parking at the market **C** getting there by bus **D** walking to the market

11. **A** send me the police check form **B** add me to the list of drivers **C** sign me up for the snack program **D** tell me when I can take food home

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Choosing a Gym Plan Together

IRONLEAF FITNESS

Membership Plans 2026 · Find the plan that fits your life

	Essential	Flex	All-Access ★ MOST POPULAR ★
Monthly fee	**$24.99** + tax	**$39.99** + tax	**$64.99** + tax
Sign-up fee	$49	$49	**Waived**
Gym hours	Mon–Fri: 6 a.m.–4 p.m. Sat–Sun: 8 a.m.–6 p.m.	Daily 5 a.m.–11 p.m.	Open 24/7 (key card after 11 p.m.)
Locations	Home club only	Home club only	All 6 Metro Vancouver clubs
Group classes spin, yoga, HIIT, Zumba●	$12 drop-in per class	4 per month included	Unlimited
Guest passes	—	1 per month	2 per month
Contract	Month-to-month 30 days' notice to cancel	12-month term $150 early cancellation fee	Month-to-month 30 days' notice to cancel
Extras	Locker rental $8/month	Free fitness assessment	Towel service, sauna, and 1 personal training session per month

★ **Buddy Bonus:** Join with a friend on the same day and you **both** get your first month at half price (Flex and All-Access only).

◆ **Students** with valid ID save 15% on Essential and Flex plans.

● Classes must be booked in the IronLeaf app. Spots open 48 hours before class time.

▲ **Need a break?** Freeze your membership for up to 2 months a year for $5 per month (doctor's note required). No refunds on monthly fees.

Visit any IronLeaf front desk or download the IronLeaf app to join today!

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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: Gym plans – let's decide!
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> To: Sam Duval
>
> From: Leah Brennan
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> Hi Sam,
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> I picked up the IronLeaf brochure on my way home, and I think I've figured out what works for both of us. Since I don't get off work until 5:00, the Essential plan is out for me because **(12)** _____.
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> You said you want to do spin and yoga at least twice a week, so **(13)** _____. The All-Access plan includes as many classes as you like, and it works at all six clubs, so you could even work out near campus between lectures.

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> I was leaning toward Flex at first, but my company might transfer me to Calgary next spring, and I don't want to **(14)** _____. So I'll probably go with All-Access too. It costs more, but with the sauna and the monthly session with a trainer, the difference is a drop in the bucket.
>
> Here's the best part: if we **(15)** _____, we each get our first month at half price. How about Saturday morning? Also, remember that my knee surgery is in March. Rather than cancelling, I can just **(16)** _____ while I recover.
>
> Let me know what you think!
>
> Leah

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** it doesn't include any classes **B** it has a $49 sign-up fee
C it closes at 4 p.m. on weekdays **D** it requires a 12-month contract

13. **A** the four classes on Flex won't be enough **B** the Essential plan would be the cheapest
C you should book your classes a week ahead **D** you could bring a guest every single time

14. **A** pay a sign-up fee twice **B** lose my free fitness assessment
C book my classes in the app **D** pay $150 to break a contract

15. **A** bring our student cards **B** sign up on the same day **C** book our classes early
D both choose the Flex plan

16. **A** switch to the Essential plan **B** use my guest passes for you
C get a refund for those months **D** freeze my membership for $5 a month

17. What is the main purpose of Leah's email?

A to persuade Sam to switch to a different gym
B to complain about IronLeaf's high prices
C to suggest that they both join on All-Access
D to ask Sam to help her after her surgery

18. Why does Leah decide against the Flex plan?

A She may move before the contract ends.
B Its classes are too expensive for her.
C It is open fewer hours than she needs.
D It does not include a fitness assessment.

19. When Leah says the difference is "a drop in the bucket," she means that

A the price will go up later in the year.
B the extra cost is small for what she gets.
C she cannot really afford the higher fee.
D the sauna is the plan's only real benefit.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

The Trans Canada Trail

Paragraph A

In 1992, as Canada celebrated its 125th birthday, a small group of volunteers proposed an ambitious idea: a single recreational trail that would link communities from the Atlantic to the Pacific and north to the Arctic Ocean. The Trans Canada Trail was founded as a charitable organization that same year, with the goal of building a route that Canadians everywhere could share. Rather than designing one continuous path from scratch, organizers planned to connect hundreds of existing local trails, many of them created and maintained by municipalities, conservation groups and volunteer clubs. Early fundraising relied heavily on ordinary citizens, who could "buy" a metre of trail and have their names engraved on one of the pavilions built along the route.

Paragraph B

Turning the idea into reality took twenty-five years. One of the most valuable resources turned out to be abandoned railway lines. As rail companies closed unprofitable branch lines in the late twentieth century, many of the flat, gently curving rail beds were converted into gravel paths ideal for walking and cycling. In more remote areas, however, builders had to clear brush, construct bridges and negotiate with private landowners for permission to cross their property. Where no land route was practical, organizers designated rivers and lakes instead, so that paddlers could continue the journey by canoe or kayak. In 2017, in time for Canada's 150th anniversary, the trail was declared fully connected, stretching roughly 24,000 kilometres.

Paragraph C

The celebration was not without controversy. Critics pointed out that a large share of the "connected" route followed roads and highway shoulders, some of them busy with fast-moving traffic, rather than off-road paths. Cyclists and walkers complained that these sections were unpleasant and, in places, unsafe. In response, the organization set a new goal: to replace road sections with dedicated greenways wherever possible and to improve signage and facilities such as rest areas and washrooms. Since then, it has helped fund hundreds of local projects, from new boardwalks over wetlands to paved paths that can be used by people in wheelchairs.

Paragraph D

Today, the trail is used in very different ways depending on the season and the region. In cities like Ottawa and Calgary, it serves as an everyday route for commuters on foot or by bike. In rural areas, it attracts horseback riders and, where local rules allow, snowmobilers and all-terrain vehicle users. Cross-country skiers enjoy groomed sections in Quebec and the Prairies, while long-distance hikers attempt journeys lasting several weeks, though very few people have ever travelled the entire length. Many small communities have found that the trail brings tourists who stop for meals and overnight

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> stays, providing a modest but welcome boost to local economies. Some towns now hold yearly group walks and bike rides to celebrate their own section of the trail.

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 trail was planned by linking together paths that were already in place. _____

21. Old railway routes suited the trail well because they were fairly level. _____

22. Parts of the route that were counted as finished were later criticized for being near traffic. _____

23. Whether motorized vehicles may use the trail depends on the area. _____

24. Individual supporters could have their names shown on structures along the trail. _____

25. In some places, travellers have to continue on water instead of land. _____

26. The trail is the longest recreational trail network in the world. _____

27. Some upgrades have made the trail more accessible to people with disabilities. _____

28. Hikers need a special permit to walk the whole length of the trail. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Tipping Screens in Canadian Restaurants

> Not long ago, tipping in a Canadian restaurant meant adding about 15 percent after a sit-down meal. Today a bakery customer may be handed a terminal proposing 18, 20 or 25 percent before taking one bite. Such screens have proliferated since the pandemic, and in a recent national poll, 62 percent reported feeling pressured to tip more than they did half a decade earlier.
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> Gerald Thompson, a retired teacher in Moncton, recalls being prompted for a 20 percent gratuity on a muffin and a coffee he had collected himself. “Nobody had served me,” he says, “but with the cashier watching I felt like a cheapskate.” Nowadays he pays in cash wherever possible, purely to circumvent the screens.
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> For servers, though, gratuities remain indispensable. Alyssa Moreau, a Montreal server for nine years, earns more than half her income in tips and is unapologetic about the prompts. “Plenty of customers used to just round down,” she maintains, “and the suggestions remind diners we’re relying on that money for rent.”
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> Liam O’Connell, a consumer-behaviour researcher at an Ontario university, attributes the screens’ effectiveness largely to deliberate design. “Make the lowest option 18 percent,” he points out, “and few people bother to enter their own amount.” Many terminals also calculate the tip on the after-tax total, which inflates it inconspicuously. He would have provinces require a “no tip” button as prominent as the others and suggestions based on the pre-tax price.
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> Some owners have abandoned tipping entirely. In 2024 Nadia Haddad stopped accepting gratuities at her Calgary bistro and raised menu prices by roughly 18 percent; her staff now earn a fixed, higher hourly wage plus a share of the profits. The transition was turbulent: several regulars, concluding that the bistro had simply become expensive, disappeared. Yet staff turnover has dropped sharply, and her servers no longer dread a slow Tuesday.
>
> Rajiv Mehra, of the Canadian Hospitality Owners’ Association, doubts that other restaurateurs will emulate her. A service-included menu looks costlier than a competitor’s even when the final bill is identical, so pioneers are penalized. The screens, he argues, have lifted staff incomes without forcing owners to raise menu prices.

29. Who would best support Thompson’s complaint?

A Alyssa Moreau
B Rajiv Mehra
C Liam O’Connell
D Nadia Haddad

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30. What did Haddad change at her bistro?

A She asked her customers to pay in cash.

B She won back several regulars with lower prices.

C She cut staff turnover by hiring more servers.

D She folded service into her menu prices.

31. What is O'Connell's main point about the screens?

A They push people to give more than they intended.

B They have made servers' earnings more stable.

C They remind diners that staff rely on tips.

D They should be banned wherever nobody is served at a table.

32. We can reasonably conclude that

A most Canadians have stopped tipping at bakeries.

B provinces already regulate how screens calculate tips.

C a restaurant dropping tips can lose customers.

D Moreau earned more before the screens appeared.

33. Which headline best fits the article?

A "Canadians Embrace the Tip Screen"

B "Tip Screens Are Shrinking Servers' Incomes"

C "Restaurants Across Canada Abandon Tipping"

D "Tip Screens Spark a Pay Debate"

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.

> Having waited tables all through university, I side with Ms. Haddad. Tips made my earnings **(34)** _____, precisely the problem her fixed wages solve. I sympathize with Ms. Moreau, but the screens shift the **(35)** _____ of paying staff from employers to customers, and nobody should feel guilty about skipping a tip on a muffin he **(36)** _____. Professor O'Connell's reforms would at least make the screens more honest, particularly basing suggestions on the **(37)** _____ amount. As for Mr. Mehra's worry, I suspect diners will adapt once they notice the final bill is **(38)** _____. I would gladly pay more on the menu knowing the staff were paid fairly.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** comfortably high **B** feast or famine **C** hard to declare **D** tied to the menu

35. **A** burden **B** pleasure **C** habit **D** risk

36. **A** paid for in cash **B** had ordered from a server at a table **C** fetched from the counter himself **D** shared with a friend

37. **A** average **B** after-tax **C** discounted **D** pre-tax

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38. **A** much higher than before **B** essentially unchanged **C** printed on the receipt **D** lower than at chains

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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: Welcome to the Food Bank Team

1 B to welcome Tomás and explain what to expect

2 D help clients collect their food.

3 A the food bank wants to protect clients' privacy.

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7 A my first Saturday shift

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12 C it closes at 4 p.m. on weekdays

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18 A She may move before the contract ends.

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Part 3: The Trans Canada Trail

20 A

21 B

22 C

23 D

24 A

25 B

26 E

27 C

28 E

Part 4: Tipping Screens in Canadian Restaurants

29 C Liam O'Connell

30 D She folded service into her menu prices.

31 A They push people to give more than they intended.

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33 D "Tip Screens Spark a Pay Debate"

34 B feast or famine

35 A burden

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37 D pre-tax

38 B essentially unchanged

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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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