CELPIP Reading Practice Test 84

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

Disputing an Estimated Electricity Bill

> Dear Customer Care Team,
>
> I am writing about my electricity account (number 4471-2290) for the house at 19 Birchwood Crescent, which I have owned since 2019. My most recent bill, covering September and October, came to $412.36. For comparison, my bill for the same two months last year was $138.50, and nothing about the way my household uses electricity has changed. If anything, we have been using less, since my son left for university at the end of August.
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> When I looked at the bill more closely, I noticed a small letter "E" beside the meter reading. According to the back of the statement, this means the reading was estimated rather than taken from the meter itself. I then went out to the side of the house and checked the meter myself. The number on it is almost 2,000 kilowatt-hours lower than the figure printed on my bill. I have attached a photo of the meter, taken this morning with the date showing, so that you can compare the two numbers yourselves.
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> I believe I know how this happened. In July, I replaced the old wooden gate beside my house with one that locks, because raccoons kept getting into my garbage bins. It simply did not occur to me that your meter reader needs to pass through that gate. That was my oversight, and I apologize for it. I have since left a key with my neighbour at number 21, who is retired and home most days, and I would ask you to add her phone number to my account notes so that your staff can contact her.
>
> What I cannot accept, however, is being asked to pay for electricity I have not used. I would therefore ask you to correct the bill using my actual reading and to send me a revised statement. Since payment is due on November 20, I would also appreciate confirmation that no late fee will be charged while the matter is being reviewed. In the meantime, I am happy to pay my usual amount in good faith and settle any difference once the corrected bill arrives.
>
> Finally, I understand that some customers can now submit their own meter readings online. If that option is available in my area, I would be glad to sign up.
>
> You can reach me at 613-555-0148 on weekday evenings, or by email at any time.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Delphine Arsenault

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

A to close her account now that her son has moved out
B to have a charge recalculated using a real reading
C to complain that a meter reader damaged her gate
D to arrange a payment plan for an unusually large bill

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2. Why was Delphine's meter not read in person?

A The reader could not get past a newly locked gate.
B Her neighbour would not let the reader onto the property.
C The meter at the side of the house had stopped working.
D Animals had damaged the outdoor meter.

3. Delphine mentions her bill from the previous year in order to

A prove that her rates have gone up every year.
B ask for a refund of an earlier overpayment.
C explain why her son's absence had lowered her costs.
D show that this bill is far out of line.

4. What does Delphine admit in her letter?

A She paid her last bill several weeks late.
B She misunderstood the symbols on her statement.
C She caused the problem without meaning to.
D She has used more power since the summer.

5. To show good faith while the bill is reviewed, Delphine offers to

A pay the full amount and wait for a refund.
B give the company its own key to her gate.
C mail in a meter photo monthly.
D pay what she would normally pay for now.

6. According to her letter, Delphine

A is open to reporting her own meter readings.
B has already registered for online readings.
C plans to take the new lock off her side gate.
D has been a customer for less than a year.

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. Arsenault,
>
> Thank you for writing to us and for sending the dated photo of your meter. I'm sorry for the stress this bill has caused. Our records show that your reading was estimated because our reader was **(7)** _____ on his last two visits.
>
> Using the number in your photo, we have recalculated your charges. Your revised bill is $131.84, which is much closer to **(8)** _____. Since your account was under review, **(9)** _____ if your payment arrives after November 20.
>
> I have also updated your file to show that **(10)** _____, so this should not happen again.

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> As for your final question, I'm pleased to confirm that **(11)** _____. You can register on the "My Account" page of our website.
>
> Kind regards,
>
> Priya Halvorsen
>
> Customer Care, Ridgeline Power

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** sent to the wrong street address **B** told that the house was empty
C not able to get to your meter **D** unable to read the old dial

8. **A** the estimate printed on your statement **B** your charges for the same months last year
C the amount your neighbour normally pays
D the deposit you paid when you first opened your account

9. **A** your power will be cut **B** the full balance is still owed **C** your next bill will be estimated
D no penalty will be added

10. **A** your neighbour can now let our reader in **B** your son will open the gate on the weekends
C the lock on the gate has been taken off **D** you prefer to be called in the mornings

11. **A** estimates have been stopped everywhere **B** a reader will now come every week
C this service is offered where you live **D** your photo was too blurry for us to accept

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Theatre Subscription for Two Old Friends



HARBOURLIGHT STAGE COMPANY

2026–2027 Subscription Season · Six Plays, One Unforgettable Year

This Season's Plays

The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter · Drama September 17 – October 4	**Snow Day!** ★ · Family musical November 26 – December 27
Two Kitchens · Comedy January 21 – February 7	**The Last Ferry** · Drama (ages 14+, mature themes) March 4 – March 21
Captain Saltwater's Treasure ★ · Family adventure April 8 – April 25	**Northern Lights Revue** · Musical May 13 – June 6

Evenings Tue–Sat 7:30 p.m. · Sunday matinees 2:00 p.m. · ★ = family play, suitable for ages 5+

Subscription Packages

Package	What you get	Adult	Senior (65+)	Student*
Full Season	All 6 plays, same seat for every show; ticket exchanges FREE	$264	$228	$150
Pick 4	Any 4 plays of your choice; ticket exchanges $5 per ticket	$188	$164	$108
Family Flex	4 vouchers for ★ family plays only; use for any mix of adults and children; no exchanges	$120 per package		
Under-30 Pass	Any play for $25 per ticket; photo ID required; book no more than 7 days ahead	$10 to join (ages 18–29)		

* Student prices require a valid full-time student card.
• Ticket exchanges must be made **at least 48 hours** before your original performance.
• Subscribers save **15%** on extra single tickets for friends and family.
• Wednesday evenings are **Pay-What-You-Can** (single tickets only, sold at the door from 6:30 p.m.).
• Subscribers park for $8 per visit at the Front Street Garage.

Box Office: 902-555-0177 · Mon–Sat, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. · Subscribe online at harb

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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: Theatre this season?
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> To: Teresa Moreau
>
> From: Nadia Rahimi
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> Hi Teresa,
>
> Now that you're back in the city, we have no excuse not to go to the theatre together, the way we used to when we shared that tiny room in residence twenty years ago. I picked up the Harbourlight brochure on my way home, and the season looks fantastic.
>
> I doubt either of us could manage all six plays, so I think the **(12)** _____ is our best bet. I'll be away for work for most of March, so let's leave out **(13)** _____. On the other hand, "Two Kitchens" sounds right up your alley, so that one's a must!

> You also said you'd like to take your nephew to one of the family plays. Since we'll be subscribers, we could **(14)** _____ when we buy his ticket. And with my shifts changing every week, it's good to know we can switch dates, as long as we **(15)** _____.
>
> Best of all, now that you're back at school full-time, your package would only cost **(16)** _____. Mine will be a bit more, but it's still a good deal.
>
> Let me know what you think, and I'll call the box office on Saturday.
>
> Nadia

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Full Season package **B** Pick 4 package **C** Family Flex package **D** Under-30 Pass

13. **A** "Two Kitchens" **B** "Snow Day!" **C** "The Last Ferry" **D** "Northern Lights Revue"

14. **A** get 15 percent off **B** pay what we like **C** get him in free of charge **D** use a Family Flex voucher

15. **A** make the change before the season opens **B** pay $5 and give two days' notice **C** book no more than a week ahead **D** ask before 6:30 p.m. on the day

16. **A** $188 **B** $164 **C** $150 **D** $108

17. Nadia and Teresa know each other because

A they lived together as students.
B they work at the same place.
C they both subscribe to the theatre.
D they met at the Harbourlight box office.

18. Why does Nadia suggest leaving out one of the plays?

A It is unsuitable for Teresa's nephew.
B It costs extra on a weeknight.
C She will be travelling for her job.
D She has already seen that production.

19. When Nadia says "Two Kitchens" is "right up your alley," she means that Teresa

A lives close to where it is staged.
B has already bought a ticket for it.
C could easily win a role in the production.
D would very likely enjoy watching it.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Canola: A Canadian Crop Invention

Paragraph A

Drive across the Prairies in July and you will see fields of brilliant yellow stretching to the horizon. These are canola fields, and the crop they produce has become one of the most valuable in Canadian agriculture. Most of it is grown in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, and Canada ranks among the world's leading producers and exporters. Yet many Canadians who cook with canola oil every day do not realize that the plant is a homegrown invention. Its name, adopted in the late 1970s, blends "Canada" with "ola," a reference to an oil that is low in acid.

Paragraph B

Canola's story begins with rapeseed, an older relative that had been grown for centuries in Europe and Asia. Canadian farmers began planting it on a large scale during the Second World War, when its oil was in demand as a lubricant for the steam engines of naval and merchant ships, because it clung well to metal surfaces exposed to water and steam. Once the war ended, much of that demand disappeared. The crop also had two serious drawbacks. Its oil contained high levels of erucic acid, which raised health concerns about using it in food, and the protein-rich meal left over after pressing contained bitter compounds called glucosinolates, which limited how much of it livestock were willing to eat.

Paragraph C

In the 1960s and 1970s, plant scientists at the University of Manitoba and at a federal research station in Saskatoon set out to solve both problems, in work that is still regarded as one of Canada's great agricultural achievements. Baldur Stefansson led the Manitoba program and Keith Downey the one in Saskatoon; the two groups worked separately but shared their findings. They tested thousands of seeds, searching for rare plants that naturally contained less of the unwanted substances, and then crossed them over many generations. The work relied entirely on conventional breeding rather than on transferring genes in a laboratory. Reducing erucic acid came first; lowering glucosinolates took several more years. By the mid-1970s, the first variety low in both had been released, and the improved crop soon needed a name of its own to set it apart from ordinary rapeseed.

Paragraph D

Today, canola oil is valued for being low in saturated fat, and it appears in everything from cooking oil and margarine to salad dressings. Very little of the harvested seed goes to waste: after the oil is pressed out, the remaining meal is sold as a high-protein feed for cattle, pigs and poultry. Since the 1990s, varieties that can tolerate particular herbicides have been widely planted, and they now make up the great majority of the Canadian crop. Much of the harvest is shipped abroad, either as raw

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> seed or as oil and meal, making canola an important source of income for the country's farmers. Many growers also plant it in rotation with wheat and other cereals, which helps to break the cycle of crop diseases.

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 crop's name was chosen partly to point to a healthier quality of its oil. _____

21. The plant first became an important crop in Canada because of the needs of wartime shipping. _____

22. The researchers did not achieve both of their goals at the same time. _____

23. Canola needs less rainfall than most other crops grown on the Prairies. _____

24. These days, even the part of the seed left over after pressing has a market. _____

25. Farm animals were reluctant to eat feed made from the older plant because of its flavour. _____

26. Most canola grown in Canada today can survive certain weed-killing chemicals. _____

27. Canola is the only major crop ever developed by Canadian plant scientists. _____

28. The researchers worked with traits that already existed in some plants. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Presumed Consent For Organ Donation Debate

> Opinion surveys consistently find that most Canadians support organ donation, yet only a fraction have formally registered their intentions. The provincial government believes a simple legislative change can close that discrepancy. Under a bill introduced last week, every adult resident would be presumed a willing donor unless he or she had opted out. Nova Scotia pioneered such a system in 2021.
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> Health Minister Rachel Ostrowski considers the reform long overdue. Hundreds of residents languish on waiting lists, some destined to die before an organ becomes available, and the existing arrangement places the onus on individuals who rarely act. “Their inaction doesn’t reflect objection. It reflects preoccupation with everyday responsibilities,” she maintains. Anyone could withdraw online at any time.
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> Dr. Kwame Asante, a transplant program director, supports the bill while cautioning that its promise is oversold. “Legislation alters the default, not what happens at the bedside.” Relatively few deaths occur in circumstances permitting donation, and there a missed referral or a shortage of intensive care beds can matter far more than any registry. Countries with the strongest records, he contends, owe their achievements to specially trained professionals in every hospital who identify potential donors and approach grieving families. Without funding for those positions, the government will have “bought itself a headline, not more organs.”
>
> Bioethicist Lorraine Beaudet objects that interpreting silence as consent undermines the very notion of a gift. Recent immigrants, people who disregard the news and those without dependable internet access could be enrolled unknowingly. “The status quo’s unsatisfactory, I grant you, but this new default is a nudge being marketed as a cure.” She would prefer that every adult be required to answer the question, perhaps when renewing a health card, instead of having the government answer it for them.
>
> Darren Fikre, whose teenage son waited nearly two years for a kidney, has little patience for such reservations, having repeatedly been told the system needed further investigation. “Families would retain the final word, since physicians won’t override a refusal,” he stresses. “This legislation simply starts the conversation from yes.”

29. Which two speakers voice no doubts about the bill?

A Beaudet and Fikre
B Ostrowski and Fikre
C Asante and Ostrowski
D Ostrowski and Beaudet

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30. On what do Asante and Beaudet converge?

A Presuming consent cheapens the gift.

B Families should lose the final say.

C The bill's promise is exaggerated.

D Hospitals need more intensive care beds.

31. Why does Asante cite the top-performing countries?

A to urge copying their opt-out laws

B to show families there rarely refuse

C to call for more intensive care beds

D to show expertise beats legislation

32. What is suggested about the bill's impact?

A It may hinge on staff funding.

B It would mainly affect immigrants.

C It would silence families.

D It mirrors a dropped Nova Scotia model.

33. The article could be headlined "Donation by Default:

A A Cure for the Organ Shortage"

B A Simple Fix for a Complex Problem?"

C An Attack on Families' Final Say"

D Gift or Obligation? The Ethics of Presumed Consent"

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 intensive care nurse, I agree with the minister that most people who never register **(34)** _____, yet Dr. Asante has identified the real bottleneck. In my hospital, possible donors slip through simply because **(35)** _____. No new default will fix that.
>
> Ms. Beaudet's **(36)** _____ strikes me as a sensible compromise that respects choice while tackling low registration. Mr. Fikre is right that, in practice, **(37)** _____. But if the province genuinely wants to **(38)** _____, it must open its wallet, not merely pass a law. Otherwise, we will be having this same debate in five years.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** object on principle **B** never act on good intentions **C** have quietly opted out already **D** know nothing about donation

35. **A** their families refuse to discuss it **B** the registry is out of date **C** no trained eye identifies them **D** the law demands written consent

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36. **A** call for further study **B** public awareness campaign **C** plan for a family veto **D** “ask, don’t presume” alternative

37. **A** families still hold the veto **B** doctors seldom consult relatives **C** hospitals could proceed regardless **D** his son’s wait would be shorter

38. **A** earn praise for acting fast **B** trim what hospitals spend **C** cut the opt-out rate **D** turn headlines into transplants

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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: Canola: A Canadian Crop Invention

20 A

21 B

22 C

23 E

24 D

25 B

26 D

27 E

28 C

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29 B Ostrowski and Fikre

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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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