CELPIP Reading Practice Test 94

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.

Part	Topic	Questions	Time
Part 1: Reading Correspondence	Pausing a Recreation Centre Membership	1–11	about 11 minutes
Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram	Museum Programs for Two Neighbourhood Kids	12–19	about 9 minutes
Part 3: Reading for Information	Glenn Gould: The Pianist Who Left the Stage	20–28	about 10 minutes
Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints	Every-Other-Week Garbage Pickup Debate	29–38	about 13 minutes

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.

Prefer to take it on screen? The same test is free online at celpass.com/celpip/reading/practice-tests/94, marked as you go, with an estimated CLB. More free tests: celpass.com/celpip/practice-tests-pdf

CELPIP-format practice material from CELPass.com. Not official CELPIP material and not affiliated with Paragon Testing Enterprises. Free to download and print for your own practice; please do not resell it or remove the CELPass.com marks.

Part 1: Reading Correspondence

Time: about 11 minutes

Pausing a Recreation Centre Membership

> Dear Mr. Okafor,
>
> I have been a member of the Pinecrest Recreation Centre for six years, and my annual membership comes up for renewal on January 31. Before I renew, I am hoping you can help me with a situation that your current rules don't seem to cover.
>
> My employer has asked me to lead a project at our Yellowknife office from early February until the end of May. When I explained this at the front desk last week, the staff member politely told me that memberships can only be put on hold for medical reasons, and only with a note from a doctor. I understand why a busy centre needs clear rules, but it seems unfair that someone who has renewed faithfully every year should pay for four months she has no way of using. I would be glad to provide a letter from my manager confirming the dates of my assignment. Travel is part of my job, but this is the first time I will be away for more than a few weeks.
>
> If a hold is truly out of the question, I have two other suggestions. My father moved in with us after he retired last fall, and he has been talking about joining the morning aquafit classes. He is a little shy about joining on his own, and I think a membership that was already paid for would give him the push he needs. Could my membership be transferred to him while I am away? Alternatively, I could let my membership lapse and simply buy a new one when I return. The problem is that I currently receive a 15 percent loyalty discount for members of five years or more, and I have been told that I would lose it if there were any break in my membership.
>
> Please don't take this letter as a complaint about the centre itself. The renovated weight room is a huge improvement, and the evening instructors are excellent. If anything, the Thursday yoga class has become a victim of its own success; I have been turned away twice this month because every mat was already taken.
>
> I would be grateful for a reply before my membership expires at the end of the month, so that I can make arrangements before I leave.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Renata Kowalski

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

A to complain about how she was treated at the front desk
B to ask for flexibility on one of the centre's policies
C to cancel her membership before she leaves for work
D to find out whether her father qualifies for a discount

CELPass.com

2. The staff member at the front desk told Renata that

A her loyalty discount would end in January.
B memberships could be shared with a relative.
C she would need a letter from her employer.
D a hold requires proof of a health problem.

3. What do we learn about Renata's father?

A He is interested in a class at the centre.
B He already has his own membership there.
C He will be going with Renata to the North.
D He used to work at the recreation centre.

4. If Renata's membership lapsed, she would

A lose her spot in the Thursday yoga class.
B have to pay an extra fee to rejoin the centre.
C no longer get a reduced rate she has earned.
D be unable to buy a membership until June.

5. Why does Renata mention the weight room and the instructors?

A to suggest where the centre should spend money
B to show she is not unhappy with the centre overall
C to explain why she wants a shorter membership
D to compare the centre with one in Yellowknife

6. What does Renata suggest about the Thursday yoga class?

A It is now taught by a new instructor.
B It has recently moved to the morning.
C It is held in the renovated weight room.
D It is more popular than it has room for.

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. Kowalski,
>
> Thank you for your letter, and for six years of loyal membership. Congratulations on your **(7)** _____ in the North; it sounds like an exciting few months.
>
> Our staff member was correct that holds are normally limited to members with **(8)** _____. However, since you are able to provide **(9)** _____, I am happy to make an exception this time and pause your membership from February 1 to May 31.
>
> I'm afraid I can't approve your other suggestion, as our memberships **(10)** _____. Your father is, of course, welcome to try a free aquafit class before deciding whether to join us himself.

CELPass.com

> Because there will be no break in your membership, your **(11)** _____ will continue when you return. You may also be glad to hear that we are adding a second Thursday yoga class in the spring.
>
> Best regards,
>
> Daniel Okafor
>
> Membership Services Manager

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** temporary assignment **B** permanent transfer **C** early retirement **D** new business

8. **A** several years of membership **B** work assignments elsewhere **C** documented health reasons **D** a family membership

9. **A** a referral from your family physician **B** a letter confirming your work dates **C** proof of your father's home address **D** your renewal payment in advance

10. **A** are not available to retirees **B** do not include aquafit classes **C** expire at the end of each month **D** can't be passed to someone else

11. **A** long-time member discount **B** evening yoga booking **C** father's aquafit pass **D** weight room orientation

CELPass.com

Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Museum Programs for Two Neighbourhood Kids



Kestrel Valley Museum

Local history, science & the natural world · 220 Mill Road

FALL 2026 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Program	Ages	When	Dates	Fee
Little Explorers Story Hour Stories, songs & artifacts	3–5 (with an adult)	Wednesdays 10:00–10:45 a.m.	Drop-in Oct. 7 – Dec. 9	$6 per child Members: FREE
Junior Fossil Hunters Dig, sift & identify	6–9	Sundays 10:00–11:30 a.m.	6 weeks Oct. 4 – Nov. 8	$90 Members: $72
Rock & Mineral Lab Hands-on geology	8–12	Saturdays 1:00–2:30 p.m.	6 weeks Oct. 3 – Nov. 7	$90 Members: $72 *Safety goggles provided*
Pioneer Kitchen Cook like it's 1880	10–14	Sundays 1:00–3:00 p.m.	4 weeks Oct. 4 – Oct. 25	$80 Members: $64 *All recipes use wheat flour and dairy*
Stop-Motion Studio Make a short film with museum objects	11–15	Tuesdays 4:30–6:00 p.m.	8 weeks Oct. 6 – Nov. 24	$120 Members: $96 *Bring a phone or tablet; loaners $5 per week*
Family Night at the Museum Lantern tours & crafts	All ages	Friday 6:00–9:00 p.m.	One evening Oct. 30	$25 per family (up to 5 people) *Costumes welcome!*

Family Membership

$95 per year

- Unlimited museum admission
- 20% off all multi-week programs
- Free Little Explorers Story Hour

Good to Know

- Register online or at the front desk.
- **Refunds:** full refund up to 7 days before a program begins; 50% refund after that, until the first session; no refunds once the first session has taken place.
- **Sibling discount:** 10% off for a second child in the same program. Cannot be combined with member prices.

Questions? Visit the front desk, Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. · Free parking

celpass.com

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: Fall programs for Mateo and Nadia
>
> To: Grace Liu
>
> From: Tomás Reyes
>
> Hi Grace,
>
> Thanks again for walking Mateo home on Thursday when my bus broke down. Living three doors down from you has saved me more than once!
>
> I picked up the fall program sheet at the Kestrel Valley Museum, and I think Mateo and Nadia could sign up for something together. That way we could take turns driving. Mateo is 11 and Nadia is 12, so a few programs fit them both. Since Nadia can't eat wheat, we can cross off **(12)** _____. And

CELPass.com

because I work every Saturday, **(13)** _____ wouldn't be fair to you, since you'd end up doing all the driving.

That leaves the Stop-Motion Studio. It runs until **(14)** _____, so it would wrap up before my in-laws arrive in December. Mateo can bring his own tablet, so with our family membership, he would pay **(15)** _____. Still a good deal, I think.

I know you won't hear about Nadia's swim team until after the first session has already taken place. Just keep in mind that **(16)** _____ if she ends up having to drop out.

I'm happy to take the lion's share of the driving, since my Tuesdays end early. Let me know what you think!

Tomás

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** the Rock & Mineral Lab **B** the Pioneer Kitchen **C** the Stop-Motion Studio **D** the Junior Fossil Hunters

13. **A** the Family Night **B** the Junior Fossil Hunters **C** the Rock & Mineral Lab **D** the Pioneer Kitchen

14. **A** the end of October **B** early November **C** mid-December **D** late November

15. **A** $96 **B** $101 **C** $120 **D** $136

16. **A** you couldn't get any money back by then **B** you would still be refunded half the fee **C** the sibling discount would cover the cost **D** you could move her to Family Night instead

17. How do Tomás and Grace know each other?

A They work for the same company.
B They met at the museum.
C They are relatives.
D They live on the same street.

18. Why does Tomás want Mateo and Nadia in the same program?

A so Mateo can borrow Nadia's tablet
B so the parents can share the driving
C so they qualify for a sibling discount
D so Grace will buy a museum membership

19. When Tomás offers to take "the lion's share" of the driving, he means he will

A do most of it.
B split it evenly.
C drive only once.
D pay for the gas.

CELPass.com

Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Glenn Gould: The Pianist Who Left the Stage

Paragraph A

Few classical musicians have fascinated the public as much as Glenn Gould. Born in Toronto in 1932, Gould showed his talent remarkably early. His mother, a music teacher, gave him his first piano lessons, and he is said to have been able to read music before he could read words. At the age of ten, he began studying at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and by his early teens he was performing in public, including an appearance with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at fourteen. Even then, his teachers noticed an unusual independence: the young pianist had firm ideas about how music should sound and was rarely persuaded to change them.

Paragraph B

Gould's international breakthrough came with his first major recording. In 1955, he chose to record Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variations, a long keyboard work that was rarely performed at the time and was considered by many to be too dry for a general audience. Some at his record company wondered whether a little-known Canadian making his debut with such a piece could possibly sell. Their doubts proved unfounded. Released in 1956, the album became one of the best-selling classical recordings of its era, and its bright, energetic playing made Gould a celebrity almost overnight. Invitations followed from concert halls across North America and Europe, and in 1957 he toured the Soviet Union.

Paragraph C

Yet Gould never felt at home on the concert stage. In 1964, at the age of 31 and at the height of his fame, he gave his last public performance and devoted himself to recording, broadcasting and writing. In essays and interviews, he argued that the studio allowed a performer to shape an interpretation with a care that was impossible in front of an audience, and he predicted that the public concert would eventually disappear. His personal habits only added to his reputation. He hummed audibly as he played, sat on a battered folding chair that his father had shortened, and was known for wearing a coat, scarf and gloves even in warm weather.

Paragraph D

Away from the concert hall, Gould found new ways to reach listeners. For CBC Radio he created documentaries such as The Idea of North (1967), in which the voices of several speakers overlap like the lines of a piece of music, a technique he called "contrapuntal radio." Near the end of his life, he returned to the Goldberg Variations, producing a slower, more reflective recording that was released in 1982. He died that same year, shortly after his fiftieth birthday, following a stroke. His influence has outlived him: a recording of his Bach was included on the golden records carried into space by

CELPass.com

> NASA's Voyager probes in 1977, and a bronze statue of him sitting on a bench greets visitors outside the CBC Broadcasting Centre in Toronto.

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. Some of Gould's playing has travelled farther than any concert tour could take it. _____

21. Gould's musical ability was encouraged at home before he received formal training. _____

22. There were concerns that the music Gould selected would not appeal to buyers. _____

23. Gould gave his final public performance in the city where he was born. _____

24. Gould believed that the future of music lay in recordings rather than live performance. _____

25. Gould set out his views on performing in a best-selling book. _____

26. Gould's early success brought him opportunities to perform overseas. _____

27. Late in life, Gould went back to the work that had first made his name. _____

28. One of Gould's well-known habits involved a piece of furniture altered by a relative. _____

CELPass.com

Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Every-Other-Week Garbage Pickup Debate

Ashgrove council must soon decide whether to collect household garbage only every second week, with green-bin organics and blue-box recycling still picked up weekly. Supporters expect more conscientious sorting; critics counter that it shifts the burden onto households while ignoring where most waste originates. The town's only landfill is projected to reach capacity within fifteen years.

Councillor Anita Desrosiers, chair of the environment committee, is the plan's staunchest proponent. "Put the bin out less often and you start to see how much of your trash belonged in the green bin all along," she argues. The roughly $1.4 million saved annually she has pledged toward extending organics collection to apartment buildings, which currently have none. "Nobody's being asked to throw out less, only to put it in the right place," she insists.

Dr. Paul Whitford, who studies municipal waste systems, grants that diversion rates typically climb in the first year. Whether they stay there depends on residents understanding why they sort, not merely that they must. Collection schedules, moreover, address only the tail end of the problem: much of a garbage bag is packaging no household chose. Until producers bear that cost, cities are "mopping the floor while the tap is still running."

For Gloria Mbeki, mother of eighteen-month-old twins, the issue is anything but abstract. She recycles diligently, but diapers can't go in the green bin. "Two weeks of them in a July heat wave isn't a lesson in responsibility; it's an unsanitary hazard," she protests. She has requested extra pickups for families with infants and residents dependent on medical supplies; Desrosiers has promised that staff will "look at options," committing to nothing.

Rick Lavoie, who manages three downtown rental buildings, doubts that any of their single garbage rooms could hold twice the volume. Overflowing bins would bring bags in the lane, scavenging raccoons and bylaw fines. Still, he acknowledges the plan's merit: most of his tenants' refuse is cardboard and plastic wrap from online orders, and "the shipping companies should be paying for its disposal." He could support the change once apartments receive the promised composting service.

29. Lavoie and Whitford would agree that

A early sorting gains tend to fade.
B residents must learn why they sort.
C packagers should pay for disposal.
D apartments need composting first.

CELPass.com

30. Who gains most from Desrosiers's pledge?

A apartment dwellers
B parents of young twins
C landlords fearing penalties
D residents unsure why they sort

31. Whitford's "mopping the floor" remark means cities are

A spending more on collection than landfills.
B leaving households to clean up after the city.
C acting before residents understand why.
D treating results, not causes.

32. It is evident from the article that

A Lavoie's tenants already have green-bin pickup.
B Mbeki's extra pickups are still undecided.
C Whitford expects first-year diversion to fall.
D the landfill will fill within five years.

33. The most fitting title would be

A "Ashgrove Council Votes to Halve Household Garbage Pickups"
B "Fewer Pickups: Higher Taxes or Smaller Landfills?"
C "Fewer Pickups: Greener Habit or Shifted Burden?"
D "Ashgrove Residents Unite Behind Biweekly Garbage"

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.

> I moved to Ashgrove from a town that switched to every-other-week garbage pickup years ago, and Councillor Desrosiers is right about one thing: once trash day comes less often, you notice how much of your garbage **(34)** _____. Still, I'd hold off on the change until the city **(35)** _____; otherwise, managers like Mr. Lavoie will be left with overflowing garbage rooms.
>
> I also think Ms. Mbeki's request is **(36)** _____. My old town offered free extra pickups to families with babies, and nobody abused it. Finally, Dr. Whitford's warning that the improvement may **(37)** _____ matches what I saw back home, which is why council should set aside part of the savings for **(38)** _____.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** came from online orders **B** came wrapped in packaging **C** attracted hungry raccoons **D** wasn't really garbage

35. **A** grants every family more collections **B** keeps its apartment promise **C** hires more crews **D** penalizes careless renters

CELPass.com

36. **A** a reasonable ask **B** already settled **C** unfair to tenants **D** too costly to consider

37. **A** depend on new bins **B** come mainly from apartments **C** prove a flash in the pan **D** cost the city money

38. **A** building larger garbage rooms downtown **B** lowering residents' collection fees **C** picking up recycling more often **D** explaining why sorting matters

CELPass.com

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 _____		

CELPass.com

Answer key

Part 1: Pausing a Recreation Centre Membership

1 B to ask for flexibility on one of the centre's policies

2 D a hold requires proof of a health problem.

3 A He is interested in a class at the centre.

4 C no longer get a reduced rate she has earned.

5 B to show she is not unhappy with the centre overall

6 D It is more popular than it has room for.

7 A temporary assignment

8 C documented health reasons

9 B a letter confirming your work dates

10 D can't be passed to someone else

11 A long-time member discount

Part 2: Museum Programs for Two Neighbourhood Kids

12 B the Pioneer Kitchen

13 C the Rock & Mineral Lab

14 D late November

15 A $96

16 A you couldn't get any money back by then

17 D They live on the same street.

18 B so the parents can share the driving

19 A do most of it.

Part 3: Glenn Gould: The Pianist Who Left the Stage

20 D

21 A

22 B

23 E

24 C

25 E

26 B

27 D

28 C

Part 4: Every-Other-Week Garbage Pickup Debate

29 C packagers should pay for disposal.

30 A apartment dwellers

31 D treating results, not causes.

32 B Mbeki's extra pickups are still undecided.

33 C "Fewer Pickups: Greener Habit or Shifted Burden?"

34 D wasn't really garbage

35 B keeps its apartment promise

36 A a reasonable ask

37 C prove a flash in the pan

38 D explaining why sorting matters

CELPass.com

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

An estimate: CELPIP converts raw scores with a table for each test form, so the real cut-offs vary a little.

What is your level in all four skills? Create a free account at celpass.com for a free diagnostic with a predicted CLB in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, and AI scoring of your Speaking and Writing.

CELPass.com