

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 1

A free full-length CELPIP-General Speaking practice test from CELPass.com: all 8 tasks in the real test order with the real timings, and an excellent sample answer for every task at the end.

Task	Topic	Timing
Task 1: Giving Advice	Cutting Down on Grocery Waste	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Unusual Weather Event	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	Shoppers Around the Produce Displays	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	A busy urban park at sunset	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Neighborhood Farmers Market Location	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Weekend Hiking Trip Weather Concern	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Universal Basic Income (UBI)	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	Broken Elevator at the Mall	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds

How to take this test

1. Do the 8 tasks in order in one sitting (about 15–20 minutes).
2. For each task, read the prompt, set a timer for the preparation time, then record yourself on your phone for the speaking time. Stop when the time is up.
3. Listen back and compare with the sample answers at the end: did you answer the question, use the full time, give reasons and examples?

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Task 1: Giving Advice

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Cutting Down on Grocery Waste

Your friend Mateo recently watched a documentary about plastic pollution, and now he wants to produce as little garbage as possible. However, when he goes grocery shopping in Halifax, he feels lost because almost everything is wrapped in plastic, and he isn't sure which products to switch to first. Advise Mateo on how he can begin reducing waste when he shops.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Unusual Weather Event

Tell me about your first solo travel experience. Where did you go, what did you do, and how did you feel during the trip?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Shoppers Around the Produce Displays

Describe some things that are happening in the picture below as well as you can. The person with whom you are speaking cannot see the picture.

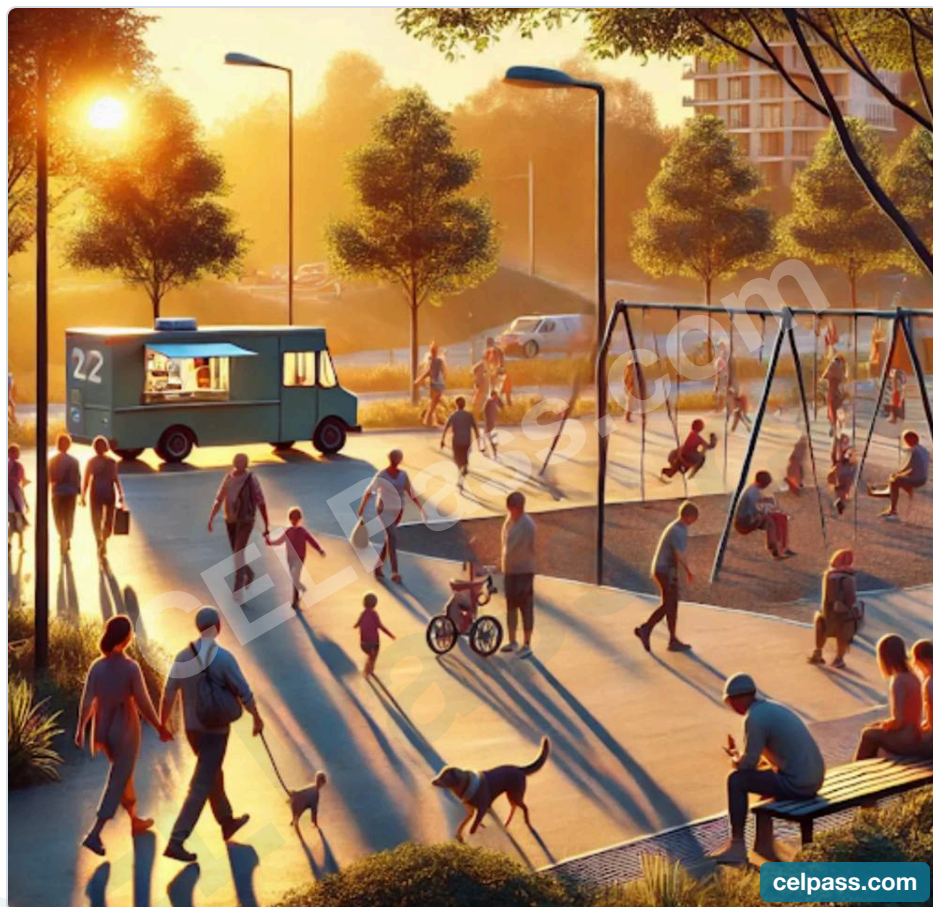


Task 4: Making Predictions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A busy urban park at sunset

In this picture, what do you think will most probably happen next?



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Neighborhood Farmers Market Location

The local community council is choosing a location for a new farmers market. You have been given two options. Your task is to decide which location would be best for the market. Once you make your choice, you will need to persuade others why your option is better by comparing both locations.

Option 1: Central Park Area

- Central location with high foot traffic
- Plenty of parking available nearby
- Close to a bus stop and subway station
- Estimated cost: \$40,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 months

Option 2: Riverside Park Area

- More spacious with room for expansion
- Scenic and peaceful environment
- Parking available, but limited
- Estimated cost: \$30,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 4 months

Your Community Member's Choice:

- A smaller downtown street location
- Limited space for vendors
- High rental costs
- Few parking spots
- Estimated cost: \$20,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 months

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Weekend Hiking Trip Weather Concern

You've planned a weekend hiking trip with friends. However, the weather forecast predicts rain for the weekend. Some friends are still eager to go, while others are concerned about the conditions. You are responsible for organizing the trip.

Choose ONE: EITHER Talk to your friends who are still eager to go and explain why it might be better to postpone the trip.

OR

Talk to your friends who are worried about the weather and explain why you think the hike should proceed as planned.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Universal Basic Income (UBI)

Do you think a Universal Basic Income should be implemented in your country? Why or why not?

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Broken Elevator at the Mall

You're at the mall and the elevator breaks down while you're inside. Describe what happened and what you did.

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Sample answers

One strong answer for each task. Use them for ideas, structure and vocabulary, not to memorise: examiners notice memorised answers.

Task 1: Cutting Down on Grocery Waste

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

Mateo, honestly, I think it's great that the documentary stuck with you, and the fact that you feel lost is completely normal. Nobody goes zero-waste in a week.

My first tip is to forget about perfection and focus on the things you buy most often. For most people that's groceries, so start by keeping reusable bags and a couple of mesh produce bags right by your door. Once that becomes a habit, you'll stop taking plastic without even thinking about it.

Then, check out the bulk store on Quinpool. You bring your own jars, weigh them at the counter, and fill up on oats, lentils, even peanut butter. It's often cheaper, too.

One trap to avoid is running out and buying a whole cart of bamboo toothbrushes and fancy containers. Use up what you already have first, and replace things only when they're finished.

If you want, we could do your next grocery run together on Saturday, and I'll show you what I do.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/first-time-zero-waste-shopping

Task 2: Unusual Weather Event

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

I went on my first solo trip to Japan, and it was an unforgettable adventure. I traveled to Tokyo, where I explored the city's bustling streets, visited historical temples, and tried local foods like sushi and ramen. It was my first time traveling alone, and I initially felt anxious. However, by the end of the trip, I felt empowered and more self-reliant. The trip taught me so much about different cultures and my own abilities to adapt to new environments.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/unusual-weather-event

Task 3: Shoppers Around the Produce Displays

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

What I'm looking at is a huge grocery store, photographed from above, and it's absolutely packed. Down the centre runs a long display of wooden crates piled high with colourful produce: oranges, red apples, tomatoes and peppers. Shoppers are steering their carts along both sides of it. In the foreground, a woman in a black jacket with a red scarf is pushing a cart with some leafy greens, while just ahead of her, a man in a red sweater has a couple of boxes in his. Over on the left, there's a row of checkout counters with cashiers, big windows letting in daylight, and a little kid in a grey jacket standing near one of the counters. On the right, the aisles are lined with tall shelves crammed with snacks and packaged goods, and a woman in a red jacket is wheeling a full cart past them. Overall, it feels like a hectic Saturday morning grocery run.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-busy-supermarket

Task 4: A busy urban park at sunset

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

This park scene at sunset gives a sense of calm and activity. The sun is low in the sky, casting long shadows that suggest the day is winding down. I see several people walking dogs, others jogging, and children playing on swings. A couple is sitting on a bench, clearly enjoying the moment. The presence of the food truck suggests that many visitors are stopping for a quick meal or snack before heading home. I predict that as the sun sets further, the park will gradually empty, with the joggers and dog walkers finishing their routines. The children might play for a while longer, but as it gets darker, they will likely leave with their parents. The couple on the bench may continue talking for some time, as the serene atmosphere invites conversation. The food truck line will probably dissipate as people finish eating, and the park may eventually become quieter, signaling the end of a lively evening.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-4-making-predictions/samples/a-busy-urban-park-at-sunset

Task 5: Neighborhood Farmers Market Location

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

Thank you for your suggestion regarding the downtown street location, but I strongly believe that the Central Park Area would be the most suitable location for the farmers market. The Central Park Area offers unparalleled visibility due to its central location, which ensures high foot traffic and increased potential for sales. Unlike Riverside Park, which has limited parking and will take longer to complete, Central Park's ample parking and accessibility by both bus and subway make it much more convenient for customers and vendors alike. Additionally, while the Riverside Park Area provides a scenic environment, its limited space for vendors could constrain the market's growth. On the other hand, Central Park offers a perfect balance of accessibility, convenience, and potential for future expansion. Although it has a higher setup cost, the advantages far outweigh the downsides. In comparison to the downtown location, which has high rental costs and limited space, the Central Park Area is clearly the better choice for our community's needs.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/neighborhood-farmers-market-location

Task 6: Weekend Hiking Trip Weather Concern

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

I completely understand that some of you are really looking forward to this hike, but after checking the weather forecast, I think it would be best to postpone the trip. The rain could make the trails slippery and potentially unsafe. It's important that we prioritize our safety, and hiking in such conditions wouldn't be enjoyable for everyone. Let's plan to reschedule for a weekend with better weather. This way, we can all enjoy the trip fully and without concerns about our safety. I'm confident it'll be worth the wait!

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/weekend-hiking-trip-weather-concern

Task 7: Universal Basic Income (UBI)

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

I strongly support the idea of implementing Universal Basic Income (UBI) in my country, as I believe it offers significant benefits to both individuals and society as a whole. Firstly, UBI can provide a crucial safety net for people living in poverty, ensuring that every citizen has enough to meet their basic needs. This would drastically reduce financial insecurity, particularly for those who are unemployed or working in low-wage jobs. Additionally, UBI can empower people to make choices that align with their passions and talents, rather than being forced to take any job simply for survival. This freedom can lead to greater creativity, entrepreneurship, and personal fulfillment. Furthermore, UBI could have a positive impact on mental health by reducing stress and anxiety related to financial struggles. It would give people a sense of stability and peace of mind. In conclusion, implementing UBI could lead to a more equitable society, reduce poverty, and allow people to thrive without the constant pressure of financial instability.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/universal-basic-income-ubi

Task 8: Broken Elevator at the Mall

Excellent sample answer (written at around CLB 11–12, an estimate, not an official score)

Hi, I'm at the mall right now, and I had a strange experience with the elevator. I got in, and just as it was about to move, it suddenly stopped. The lights are still on, but the doors are closed, and we're not moving at all. It's a little unsettling because I've never been in a situation like this before. I've pressed the emergency button, and now I'm waiting for help to arrive. Have you ever been stuck in an elevator before?

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/broken-elevator-at-the-mall

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