

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 18

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	Running a Smooth Online Conference	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	A Surprising Weather Experience	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	Umbrellas on a Wet Street at Night	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Living Room	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Local Park Playground Design	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	House Renovation Noise Complaint	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Road Safety Education	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Tree That Grows Upside Down	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

Running a Smooth Online Conference

Your co-worker Simone has been asked to organize a one-day online conference for about 200 employees in offices across Canada. She has never planned an event like this, and she feels stressed about the technology, the schedule and keeping people interested on screen all day. Advise Simone on how she can make the online conference a success.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Surprising Weather Experience

Tell me about a surprising weather experience you had. What happened, how did it affect your plans, and how did you feel about it?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Umbrellas on a Wet Street at Night

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

Living Room

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Local Park Playground Design

Your city is upgrading the playground in a local park. Two design options have been proposed. You need to choose one and explain why it's the better option.

Option 1: Nature-Themed Playground

- Features wooden play structures and nature-inspired elements like treehouses and climbing walls
- Includes a sand pit and sensory garden for younger children
- Focuses on eco-friendly materials and natural landscaping
- Estimated cost: \$25,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 months

Option 2: Adventure Playground

- Includes slides, swings, zip lines, and obstacle courses
- Designed for children aged 5-12, with exciting and challenging play elements
- Large open spaces for group play
- Estimated cost: \$35,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 months

Your City Council's Choice:

- A basic playground with traditional equipment
- Swings, slides, and a sandbox
- Lower cost and faster setup
- Estimated cost: \$10,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 1 month

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

House Renovation Noise Complaint

You're living next to a house that is being renovated, and the noise is disturbing your peace and quiet.

Choose ONE: EITHER Talk to the homeowner and explain how the noise from the renovation is affecting you and ask if there's a way to reduce it. **OR** Talk to a neighbor and explain why you think the renovation noise should be addressed by the local authorities.

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Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Road Safety Education

Do you think road safety education should be mandatory in schools? Why or why not?

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Tree That Grows Upside Down

You're in a forest when you see a tree with its branches in the ground and its roots reaching up to the sky. Describe the tree to your friend and explain what makes it stand out.

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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: Running a Smooth Online Conference

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

Simone, first, congratulations. Being asked to run this means management trusts you. And honestly, it's a lot less scary once you break it into three parts: tech, timing and keeping people awake.

For the tech, stick with the platform everyone already uses, probably Teams, and schedule a test run with every speaker a few days ahead. On the day, have one person whose only job is the chat and troubleshooting, so you're not fixing microphones while trying to host.

Timing is where national events go wrong. With people from Halifax to Victoria, start around noon Eastern, so the West Coast isn't logging in at dawn. Keep sessions to forty-five minutes and build in real breaks, not just five minutes.

To keep people engaged, give them things to do. Run quick polls, take live questions and use breakout rooms for short discussions. Nobody wants to stare at slides for seven hours.

Send the agenda a week before, plus a reminder the day before. And let me know if you want a hand with the test runs.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/organizing-a-virtual-event

Task 2: A Surprising Weather Experience

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

One of the most surprising weather experiences I've had was during a beach vacation with my family.

We had planned a perfect day of swimming and sunbathing, but just as we arrived at the beach, dark clouds rolled in, and a massive thunderstorm started.

Lightning lit up the sky, and we had to rush back to our hotel for safety, completely soaked from the sudden downpour.

I felt frustrated at first because I had been looking forward to the beach all week, but we ended up having a cozy day indoors, playing board games and watching the storm from our balcony.

The experience taught me to be more flexible with my plans, and I actually came to appreciate the beauty and power of nature in a new way.

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

Task 3: Umbrellas on a Wet Street at Night

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

This is a downtown street on a stormy night, and it's pouring rain, so everything looks dark and misty. Because it's so dim, the people walking on the sidewalk are just silhouettes. In the centre, one person is heading away from us under a large black umbrella, and just to the left, two more people are walking side by side under umbrellas of their own. Over on the right, there's a small group making their way along the sidewalk, a couple of them sheltering under umbrellas too. On the road beside them, a handful of cars are creeping along with their headlights on, and further down the street, you can see a blur of red tail lights. Two tall streetlights are glowing through the mist, and their light is bouncing off the soaking-wet pavement, leaving long, shiny reflections. On both sides, tall office buildings rise into the fog, with just a few windows lit up.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-rainy-day-in-the-city

Task 4: Living Room

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

Looking at this cozy winter scene, I predict that the couple sitting by the fireplace will continue to enjoy the warmth and comfort of the fire, perhaps chatting about holiday plans or enjoying the peaceful moment. The snow falling outside will only add to the serenity, creating a quiet backdrop for their evening. The Christmas tree will keep glowing softly in the corner, and as the night progresses, they might settle into a movie or simply enjoy each other's company. The stockings hanging above the fireplace will likely remain in place until it's time for the holiday traditions to unfold. This peaceful moment will likely continue as they bask in the warmth of the fire and the festive atmosphere

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-4-making-predictions/samples/living-room

Task 5: Local Park Playground Design

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

While the Adventure Playground offers exciting features, I believe the Nature-Themed Playground is the better option for our community. It creates a more diverse and engaging environment by combining elements of nature with physical play, which will foster creativity and environmental awareness among children. The eco-friendly materials and design reflect our community's commitment to sustainability, making this a modern and thoughtful choice. While the Adventure Playground is certainly thrilling, its higher cost and more specialized design might not appeal to younger children or families looking for a balanced play area. The basic playground, although functional, lacks the unique features that would draw more visitors to the park. Overall, the Nature-Themed Playground offers a more inclusive, educational, and environmentally responsible option.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/local-park-playground-design

Task 6: House Renovation Noise Complaint

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

I understand that renovations are necessary, but the ongoing noise is significantly affecting my ability to concentrate and relax at home. I plan to speak with the homeowner directly and explain how the noise is disturbing me. I'll kindly ask if they could adjust their work hours or find ways to minimize the noise during certain times of the day. If that doesn't help, I may consider addressing the issue with local authorities to ensure that proper noise regulations are being followed.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/house-renovation-noise-complaint

Task 7: Road Safety Education

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

I strongly believe that road safety education should be mandatory in schools for several important reasons. First, early education on road safety helps children develop essential habits that protect them throughout their lives. By learning about traffic rules, pedestrian safety, and responsible driving, students are better equipped to navigate busy roads and avoid accidents. Second, road safety education can foster a culture of responsibility and awareness, not only among students but also in their families and communities. Children who understand the importance of road safety can share this knowledge with others, amplifying its impact. Lastly, a comprehensive road safety program in schools would contribute to reducing the number of road accidents, particularly among young and inexperienced pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. In conclusion, road safety education is crucial for creating safer communities, and it should be a mandatory part of every school curriculum.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/road-safety-education

Task 8: A Tree That Grows Upside Down

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

Hi, I'm wandering through a forest and just came across this astonishing tree that's inverted—its branches are buried in the soil while its roots stretch skyward. Unlike any conventional tree, it flips the natural order entirely, creating a surreal and almost gravity-defying spectacle. It's a captivating oddity that challenges everything I know about nature. Have you ever stumbled upon a tree this bizarre?

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-tree-that-grows-upside-down

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