

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 2

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	Finding Good Pieces at Thrift Stores	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	You Got Lost	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	Sunny Patio Cookout with Family	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	A family is having a picnic in a park	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Restaurant Seating Layout	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Gift Return Dilemma	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Mandatory Mental Health Education	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	Unique Street Food Cart	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

Finding Good Pieces at Thrift Stores

Your friend Priya, who lives in Ottawa, has decided to buy used clothing instead of new clothes, both to cut her spending and to help the environment. However, she has had bad luck in the past with second-hand items that fell apart or had stains she didn't notice. Advise Priya on where she should shop and how she can pick out clothes that are in good condition.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

You Got Lost

Tell me about a time when you got lost. Where were you, how did you find your way, and what was the experience like?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Sunny Patio Cookout with Family

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.

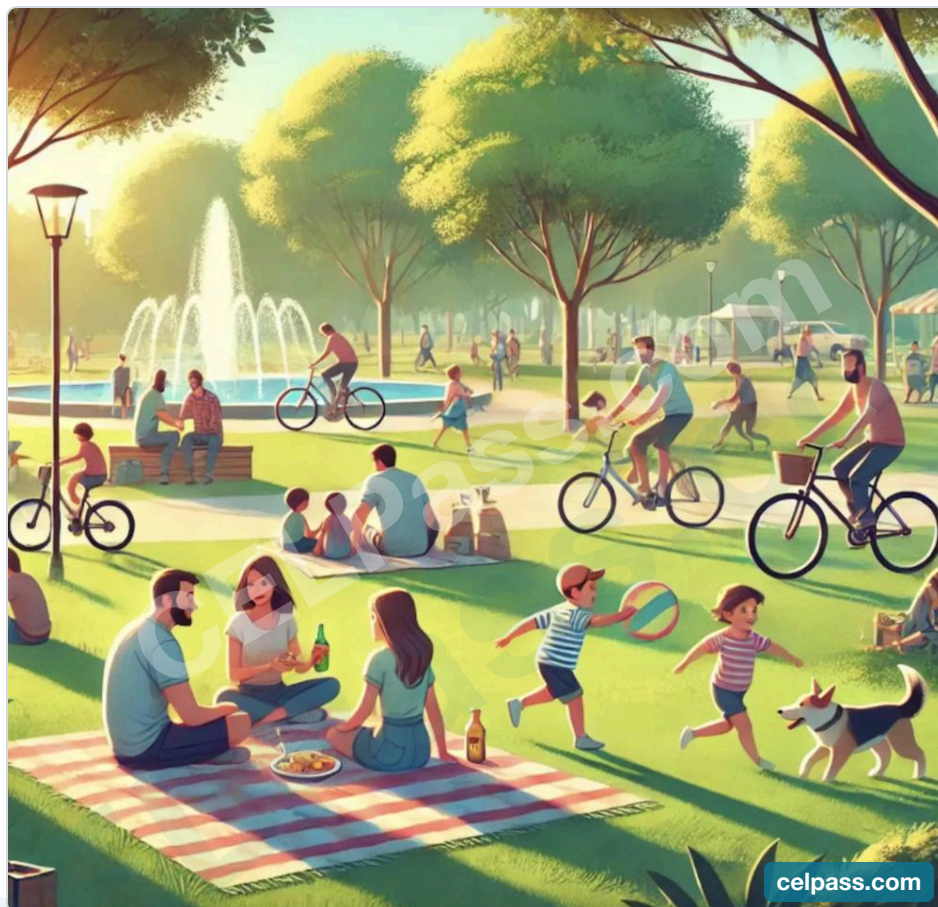


Task 4: Making Predictions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A family is having a picnic in a park

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Restaurant Seating Layout

Your restaurant is undergoing a redesign, and you've been asked to choose between two seating layout options. You need to decide which option is better for the restaurant. After making your choice, you'll persuade the restaurant manager why your choice is the best option by comparing both layouts.

Option 1: Open Layout

- Spacious and airy design with no partitions between tables
- Flexible seating arrangement (tables can be moved around for large groups or private seating)
- Modern and contemporary aesthetic with natural lighting
- Estimated cost: \$30,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 weeks

Option 2: Traditional Layout

- Fixed tables and booths with dividers for privacy
- Cozy, intimate setting with more defined spaces
- Classic and elegant interior design with soft lighting
- Estimated cost: \$25,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 weeks

Your Manager's Choice:

- A small, casual seating area at the front
- Limited seating capacity
- Simple design with limited space for larger groups
- Estimated cost: \$15,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 1 week

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Gift Return Dilemma

You received a gift that you don't really need or like, and you'd like to return it. However, the store policy states that items can only be returned within 30 days, and it's been 35 days since you received the gift. You're unsure how to approach the situation.

Choose ONE:

EITHER Talk to the store manager and ask for an exception to the return policy.

OR Talk to the person who gave you the gift and explain why you would like to return it.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Mandatory Mental Health Education

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

Unique Street Food Cart

You're walking down the street and come across a street food cart that's serving something you've never seen before. Call your friend to describe the cart and the food.

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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: Finding Good Pieces at Thrift Stores

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

Priya, I totally get why you're nervous after your last experience, but honestly, most of my favourite clothes are second-hand, so I'm sure you'll have better luck this time.

First, think about where you shop. Consignment stores, like the ones in the Glebe, are a great place to start, because they inspect everything before they put it out. You'll pay a little more, but you won't waste money on things that fall apart.

Second, give every item a quick inspection. Hold the fabric up to the light to spot thin patches, check the collar and underarms for stains, and gently tug on the seams. If a zipper sticks or a button is missing, decide right there whether you'd really bother fixing it.

It also helps to read the label. Wool and good cotton usually last much longer than cheap polyester.

If you like, we could go together this Saturday. I love a good thrift hunt.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/buying-second-hand-clothing

Task 2: You Got Lost

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

During a solo trip to a new city, I got completely lost in a maze of narrow streets while searching for a museum. My map app failed, and I didn't speak the local language, so I wandered for hours, asking strangers for help with gestures. Eventually, a kind shopkeeper drew me a sketch to guide me back. It was disorienting and a bit nerve-wracking, but it turned into an unexpected adventure that showed me the kindness of strangers.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/you-got-lost

Task 3: Sunny Patio Cookout with Family

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

This is a lively family cookout on a covered patio, and it's clearly a hot, sunny afternoon, because there are long shadows all over the ground. In the foreground on the left, there's a black barbecue on wheels with a big slab of steak sizzling on the grill, and a man in a rust-coloured T-shirt is standing beside it, keeping an eye on the meat. Behind him, a wooden table is set with plates, a bowl of food and bottles of ketchup and mustard. A woman in a white shirt is sitting there, while a young girl in blue is carrying over a plate piled with food. On the right, a guy in a white T-shirt and sandals is leaning across the table, and a girl in denim shorts is dashing across the lawn. Meanwhile, a toddler in a grey T-shirt is wandering toward a metal folding chair. The whole yard is surrounded by leafy trees and bushes with bright red leaves.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-family-barbecue-in-the-backyard

Task 4: A family is having a picnic in a park

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

The image captures a vibrant, sunny afternoon in the park. A family has set up a picnic, with the parents sitting on a blanket and the children actively playing with a frisbee nearby. The park is filled with activity, as people are riding bikes and walking dogs, and the trees offer some much-needed shade. In the distance, a fountain stands as a focal point, attracting the attention of some park-goers. I predict that the children will continue enjoying their frisbee game, while the parents may take a break to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. The bikers will likely complete their routes, and the dog walkers will continue their leisurely strolls. As more people head toward the fountain, the park will become even livelier, and some may stop to sit or take a quick break by the water. It's likely the park will remain busy, especially as the afternoon sun continues to shine

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-4-making-predictions/samples/a-family-is-having-a-picnic-in-a-park

Task 5: Restaurant Seating Layout

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

I understand your preference for the Traditional Layout, but I believe the Open Layout will be much more beneficial for the restaurant's success. The flexibility of the Open Layout allows us to easily adapt the seating arrangements to accommodate varying group sizes, from intimate dinners to large parties. Additionally, its modern and airy design, with abundant natural light, will create a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere that will enhance the dining experience. While the Traditional Layout offers a cozy and intimate setting, it limits our ability to change the seating arrangement, which could be restrictive. Furthermore, the small casual seating area does not have enough capacity to serve a larger customer base, which could limit our potential sales. Given the versatility, the aesthetic appeal, and the ability to attract a larger number of customers, I'm confident the Open Layout is the best option for our restaurant.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/restaurant-seating-layout

Task 6: Gift Return Dilemma

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

I think the best approach would be to speak with the store manager. While I understand the return policy, I would explain the situation respectfully, highlighting that the item is unused and still in perfect condition. I would ask if they could consider making an exception, as I truly appreciate the thought behind the gift but feel I won't get much use out of it. If the store manager is unable to help, I'll accept the decision and be more mindful of return deadlines in the future. It's always good to approach situations like this with respect and a solution-oriented mindset.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/gift-return-dilemma

Task 7: Mandatory Mental Health Education

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

I strongly believe that mental health education should be mandatory in schools. Mental health is just as important as physical health, and students need the knowledge to understand and manage it from a young age. First, by teaching mental health in schools, we can reduce stigma and encourage open conversations about mental well-being. This can foster a more supportive and understanding environment for all students. Second, early education on mental health equips students with essential coping strategies, helping them navigate challenges like stress, anxiety, and depression. Lastly, promoting mental health education will lead to a healthier, more resilient generation, reducing future healthcare costs and improving quality of life. In conclusion, mental health education should absolutely be a priority in schools.

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

Task 8: Unique Street Food Cart

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

Hey, guess what I just stumbled upon while walking through the city? There's this incredibly unique street food cart that's serving a dish I've never seen before. It's like a fusion of pizza and rice, where instead of the typical dough base, they use a layer of rice to form the foundation. The rice is seasoned and crispy, topped with a variety of ingredients like cheese, vegetables, and even meat. It's like a new twist on pizza, and the aroma coming from the cart is irresistible. I've never seen anything like it in all my travels. Have you ever tried something like this? It's definitely worth checking out.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/unique-street-food-cart

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