

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 20

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	Tips for a Better Night's Rest	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	A Time When You Were Patient	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Rainy Day at the Park	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Mountain Village	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Public Transportation Improvement	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Pet Shop Return Policy	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Gender-Neutral Product Marketing	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Shadow That Doesn't Match	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

Tips for a Better Night's Rest

Your cousin Daniela, who lives in Victoria, has been lying awake for hours most nights for the past month. She feels exhausted at work, and she has started drinking several cups of coffee a day to stay awake. She has asked for your advice. Advise Daniela on how she can sleep better at night.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Time When You Were Patient

Tell me about a time when you had to be patient. What was the situation, how long did you have to wait, and how did you feel during that time?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Rainy Day at the Park

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

Mountain Village

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Public Transportation Improvement

Your city is looking to improve its public transportation system and has proposed two plans. You need to decide which plan is best and convince the city council why it's superior to the other option and their suggestion.

Option 1: Adding More Bus Routes

- Increases bus coverage to underserved areas
- Affordable and improves access for more residents
- Estimated cost: \$50,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 months

Option 2: Introducing Electric Trams

- Replaces some buses with eco-friendly electric trams
- Reduces emissions and offers a modern transit option
- Estimated cost: \$90,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 6 months

Your City Council's Choice:

- Repairing existing buses
- Fixes current fleet but doesn't expand service or reduce environmental impact
- Estimated cost: \$20,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 months

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Pet Shop Return Policy

You bought a pet item that doesn't work as expected and would like to return it.

Choose ONE: EITHER Talk to the pet shop staff and explain that the item doesn't work and ask if you can return or exchange it. **OR** Talk to a friend and explain why you think the store should reconsider their return policy for such items.

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Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Gender-Neutral Product Marketing

Do you think companies should market products in a gender-neutral way? Why or why not?

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Shadow That Doesn't Match

You're walking outside when you notice that your shadow looks like someone else instead of you. Describe the shadow to your friend and explain why it's unusual.

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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: Tips for a Better Night's Rest

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

Daniela, I'm so sorry. A whole month of lying awake must be exhausting, and I can see why you're reaching for coffee.

The trouble is, the coffee might be part of the cycle. Caffeine can stay in your system for six hours or more, so that afternoon cup could be what's keeping you up. Try stopping at noon for a week and see what happens.

I'd also keep the same schedule every day, weekends included. It sounds boring, but your body really does start to feel sleepy at the right time.

Give yourself an hour to wind down before bed. Put the phone in another room, dim the lights, maybe have a warm shower and read something light.

Make the bedroom cool and dark, too. Blackout curtains made a huge difference for me.

And if you're lying there wide awake, don't fight it. Get up, read on the couch for a bit and go back when you're drowsy.

If it's still bad in a few weeks, please see your doctor. I'll check in with you on Sunday.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/improving-sleep-quality

Task 2: A Time When You Were Patient

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

A significant moment of patience in my life was when I was waiting for my first job offer after graduating from university.

I had applied to several companies, but the one I really wanted took nearly two months to get back to me.

During that time, I experienced a rollercoaster of emotions—hope, anxiety, and even self-doubt—wondering if I wasn't good enough.

I channeled my energy into improving my skills and preparing for interviews, which helped me stay grounded.

When I finally received the offer, the sense of relief and joy was overwhelming, and I realized that patience had taught me resilience and trust in the process.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/a-time-when-you-were-patient

Task 3: A Rainy Day at the Park

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

This image presents a peaceful park on a rainy day, where the gentle patter of raindrops creates a soothing rhythm. The path is lined with puddles, reflecting the overcast sky above. People walk at a relaxed pace, each sheltered by umbrellas as the wind softly rustles the branches of the trees. The benches along the path remain empty, as the rain keeps most visitors moving. Despite the weather, the scene exudes a quiet beauty, with nature's tranquility enhanced by the soft, rainy atmosphere.

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

Task 4: Mountain Village

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

In this serene mountain village, I can predict that the peaceful morning will continue as the villagers go about their daily routines. The sunlight, gently filtering through the mountains, will provide a warm glow over the streets and homes. The villagers, with their baskets, will likely visit the local market or continue working in their gardens. As the morning unfolds, the village will gradually come to life, with more people emerging from their homes to begin their day. The flowers blooming in front of the houses will remain vibrant, and the fresh air will continue to fill the village. The birds flying overhead will add to the tranquil mood, and the light dusting of snow on the mountains will remind everyone of the calm, wintery beauty that surrounds them.

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

Task 5: Public Transportation Improvement

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

While repairing existing buses might seem like a cost-effective quick fix, I'm convinced that adding more bus routes is the most impactful choice for our city's public transportation system. This option directly addresses the critical need for expanded coverage, ensuring underserved communities gain reliable access to transit in just three months and at a reasonable cost. Introducing electric trams, though an admirable step toward sustainability, demands a significantly higher investment and a prolonged timeline, which could delay immediate improvements. The council's suggestion of bus repairs, while practical, lacks ambition—it neither expands service nor aligns with long-term environmental goals. By contrast, adding more bus routes offers a balanced, efficient solution that prioritizes accessibility and sets the stage for future eco-friendly upgrades, making it the strongest option for our city's growth.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/public-transportation-improvement

Task 6: Pet Shop Return Policy

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

I'm disappointed that the pet item I purchased isn't working as expected. I'll reach out to the pet shop staff and explain the issue in detail, asking if they can offer a return or exchange. If their return policy doesn't cover this type of issue, I'll ask if there's any flexibility. I'm confident they'll either accept the return or offer an alternative, given that the item didn't meet my needs.

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

Task 7: Gender-Neutral Product Marketing

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

I strongly believe that companies should market products in a gender-neutral way for several compelling reasons. First, it reflects the values of equality and inclusivity, as gender-neutral marketing ensures that no one feels excluded based on their gender identity. This is especially important in today's diverse society. Second, many products are not inherently gender-specific, and marketing them in a gender-neutral way opens up new opportunities for businesses to appeal to a broader customer base, increasing their market reach. Finally, adopting gender-neutral marketing can help challenge and break down traditional gender stereotypes, which promotes a more progressive and open-minded culture. In conclusion, gender-neutral product marketing aligns with modern values and helps businesses stay relevant and inclusive.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/gender-neutral-product-marketing

Task 8: A Shadow That Doesn't Match

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

Hi, I'm out for a walk and just noticed something uncanny—my shadow doesn't reflect my own form but instead mirrors the silhouette of an entirely different person, taller and with a distinct outline. It's a bizarre deviation from the norm, where shadows faithfully trace our shapes, making it both eerie and intriguing. I can't quite figure out why it's happening. Have you ever experienced a shadow this mismatched?

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-shadow-that-doesnt-match

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