

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 21

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	Settling In After a Job Move	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	A Time When You Made a New Hobby	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	Toddlers Chasing a Ball in the Park	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Bookstore	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Art & Culture Festival Organization	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Library Study Room Time Extension	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Winter Sports Access Programs	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Painting That Moves	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

Settling In After a Job Move

Your co-worker Ben has accepted a promotion that means moving from Halifax to Calgary next month. He has lived in Halifax his whole life, so he has never moved to a new city before, and he is anxious about finding a place to live, feeling lonely and getting used to his new surroundings. Advise Ben on how he can make the move easier.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Time When You Made a New Hobby

Tell about a time when you started a new hobby. What hobby did you choose, why did you start it, and how has it impacted your life?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Toddlers Chasing a Ball in 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

Bookstore

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Art & Culture Festival Organization

Your city is planning to host an annual art and culture festival. Two proposals have been suggested, and you need to choose the one that will best celebrate the local culture.

Option 1: Organizing a Street Art Parade

- Features live art performances, parades, and interactive installations
- Attracts a diverse crowd and celebrates urban creativity
- Estimated cost: \$35,000 for organization
- Expected completion time: 1 month

Option 2: Hosting a Traditional Cultural Fair

- Showcases local cuisine, crafts, and heritage performances
- Strengthens community ties and preserves cultural traditions
- Estimated cost: \$40,000 for organization
- Expected completion time: 1.5 months

Your Festival Committee's Choice: Setting Up a Pop-Up Art Gallery

- Creates temporary exhibition spaces across the city
- Merges modern art with traditional cultural elements
- Estimated cost: \$30,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 weeks

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Library Study Room Time Extension

You're studying in the library and the study room reservation is about to end, but you need more time to finish your work.

Choose ONE: EITHER Talk to the librarian and explain why you need more time and ask if you can extend your reservation. **OR** Talk to a friend and explain why you think you should try to find a different place to continue studying.

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Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Winter Sports Access Programs

Winter sports programs, like skating, skiing, or hockey, can be expensive. Do you think low-income families should get financial help to afford these programs for their kids? Why or why not?

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Painting That Moves

You're at an art gallery when you notice a painting where the figures inside it move like a video. Describe the painting to your friend and explain why it's different.

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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: Settling In After a Job Move

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

Ben, first of all, congratulations! It's a big step, and honestly, feeling anxious just means you're taking it seriously.

For housing, my advice is not to rush into a lease. Book a furnished short-term rental for the first month or so, and use that time to see which neighbourhoods suit you, how long the commute is, and whether you want to be downtown or somewhere quieter. Also, check with HR. A lot of companies offer relocation money, and you might as well use it.

The loneliness part is real, so be proactive. Say yes to every lunch or after-work drink in the first few weeks, even if you'd rather stay home. Joining something regular, like a rec hockey team or a weekend hiking group, helps a lot, and Calgary is only an hour from the Rockies.

To feel at home faster, explore one new spot every weekend. And be ready for the winters. They're drier and colder than Halifax.

Give it six months. And call me whenever you need to.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/relocating-for-work

Task 2: A Time When You Made a New Hobby

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

A few years ago, I picked up gardening as a new hobby, and it's become one of the most rewarding parts of my life.

I started it because I wanted to grow my own vegetables and create a peaceful space in my backyard.

At first, I struggled with things like overwatering and pests, but I researched, learned from my mistakes, and eventually grew a thriving garden with tomatoes, herbs, and even sunflowers.

This hobby has taught me patience and given me a deeper connection to nature.

It's also become a way for me to unwind after a busy day, and I love sharing my homegrown produce with friends and family.

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

Task 3: Toddlers Chasing a Ball in the Park

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

This is a lively park playground on a sunny afternoon, and it's full of families. In the foreground, a bunch of toddlers are gathered around a red and yellow ball on the grass. A little boy in a yellow T-shirt is stepping toward it, holding hands with a boy in a grey T-shirt and red shoes, while two little girls are crouched down on either side, barefoot and ready to grab it. On the right, a boy in a navy cap is hurrying over to join in. Behind them stands a swing set with a frame painted red, yellow, blue and green, and a couple of kids are waiting by the blue swings on the left. In the background, a row of parents is sitting on benches and standing around, keeping an eye on everyone. Further back, there's a colourful climbing structure with a red slide, and a girl in a pink top is walking past it.

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

Task 4: Bookstore

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

Looking at this cozy bookstore on a rainy day, I predict that the relaxed atmosphere will persist as customers continue to browse the shelves, finding new books to read or perhaps sipping coffee while they relax in the chairs. The rain outside will likely continue, enhancing the peaceful ambiance inside. The couple at the table will likely continue to enjoy their coffee, and as the day goes on, more people might seek refuge in the warmth of the bookstore. With its inviting lighting and calm energy, this space will remain a perfect retreat for anyone wanting to lose themselves in a book, making it the ideal escape from the dreary weather outside.

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

Task 5: Art & Culture Festival Organization

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

Although the street art parade and the pop-up art gallery each contribute to a vibrant and modern festival atmosphere, I strongly favor hosting a traditional cultural fair as the centerpiece of our annual event. This option meticulously highlights our local heritage, showcasing traditional crafts, culinary arts, and heritage performances that resonate deeply with our community identity. By fostering a deeper connection to our cultural roots, the cultural fair offers a meaningful celebration that honors both our history and diversity.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/art-culture-festival-organization

Task 6: Library Study Room Time Extension

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

I'm really focused on my work, and I'm not quite done yet. I'll speak with the librarian to politely ask if it's possible to extend my study room reservation for a bit longer. If they're unable to accommodate my request, I'll find a quiet area in the library to continue studying. I appreciate their help and hope they'll consider giving me a little more time.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/library-study-room-time-extension

Task 7: Winter Sports Access Programs

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

I strongly believe that winter sports programs should be subsidized for low-income families, and here's why. First, sports offer numerous physical, emotional, and social benefits for children, including promoting healthy lifestyles, building confidence, and fostering teamwork. However, the high costs associated with winter sports often prevent lower-income families from accessing these opportunities. Second, subsidizing winter sports programs would contribute to social equity, ensuring that all children, regardless of background, have equal access to extracurricular activities that can enhance their personal development. Lastly, investing in youth sports can have long-term positive effects on society, as children who engage in physical activity are more likely to maintain healthy habits throughout their lives, reducing future healthcare costs. In conclusion, subsidizing winter sports programs for low-income families would provide equal opportunities for all children and contribute to the overall well-being of society.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/winter-sports-access-programs

Task 8: A Painting That Moves

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

Hi, I'm at an art gallery and just observed this mesmerizing painting where the figures within it are in motion, as if it's a living scene rather than a frozen image. Unlike traditional still art, the characters shift and interact seamlessly, blending the boundaries between canvas and cinema. It's a striking departure from what I expect in a gallery, both innovative and enchanting. Have you ever witnessed a painting this dynamic?

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

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