

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 23

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	Choosing a University	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	A Morning Routine Change	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Busy Hospital Waiting Room	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Lakeside	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	City Road Improvement Project	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Gym Equipment Malfunction	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Mandatory Recycling Programs	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	Surprising Street Performer with an Animal	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

Choosing a University

Your younger sibling is trying to decide which university to attend after high school. They're feeling confused because there are so many options, and they don't know what to consider. Give them advice on how to choose the right university.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Morning Routine Change

Tell me about a time when you changed your morning routine. What did you change, why did you do it, and how did it affect your day?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Busy Hospital Waiting Room

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

Lakeside

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

City Road Improvement Project

The city council is considering a road improvement project with two different plans. You need to choose which one is best for the community. After making your decision, you'll persuade the council why your choice is better.

Option 1: Widening Major Roads

- Expands lanes on busy roads to reduce traffic congestion
- Allows for faster commutes and more vehicles to pass through
- Estimated cost: \$50,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 4 months

Option 2: Adding Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Paths

- Adds separate lanes for cyclists and wider sidewalks for pedestrians
- Promotes eco-friendly transportation and reduces traffic
- Estimated cost: \$30,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 months

Your City Council's Choice:

- Paving existing streets
- Improves road conditions without changing the layout
- Estimated cost: \$10,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 months

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Gym Equipment Malfunction

You were using the gym's equipment, and it suddenly broke down. You're unsure what to do next.

Choose ONE: EITHER Talk to the gym staff and explain that the equipment is broken and ask if they can repair it or offer an alternative. **OR** Talk to a friend and explain why you think you should wait for the equipment to be fixed before using it again.

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Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Mandatory Recycling Programs

Do you think recycling should be mandatory for everyone in your country? Why or why not?

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Surprising Street Performer with an Animal

While strolling through a busy street, you see a street performer accompanied by an unusual animal companion. Describe the performance and the animal's role in it.

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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: Choosing a University

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

Choosing a university is a significant decision, and I can understand why you might feel overwhelmed, but with a systematic approach, you can find the right fit for your academic and personal goals. Start by identifying your priorities: consider the academic programs—research universities with strong reputations in your intended field of study, such as computer science or literature—and look into their faculty, resources, and alumni success rates. Beyond academics, think about practical factors like location, campus size, and cost: do you prefer a bustling urban campus or a quieter rural setting, and can you afford the tuition, or will you need scholarships? I'd also recommend exploring the university's extracurricular offerings—check if they have societies, sports, or volunteer opportunities that align with your interests, as these can greatly enhance your university experience. If possible, visit the campuses or attend virtual tours, and connect with current students to gain firsthand insights into the community and culture. A friend of mine narrowed down her options by creating a pros-and-cons list for each university, which helped her make a confident decision. Take your time to weigh your options, and you'll find a university where you can thrive.

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

Task 2: A Morning Routine Change

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

A significant change to my morning routine happened about a year ago when I realized I was starting my days feeling stressed and disorganized.

I decided to overhaul my mornings by waking up at 6 a.m., meditating for 15 minutes, and then journaling my goals for the day while sipping a cup of tea.

I made this change because I wanted to create a sense of calm and purpose before diving into my busy schedule.

The impact was transformative—I felt more focused and in control, and I noticed I was accomplishing more by lunchtime than I used to in an entire day.

This new routine has become a cornerstone of my daily life, and it's helped me cultivate a more mindful and productive mindset.

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

Task 3: A Busy Hospital Waiting Room

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

This image captures the subdued energy of a hospital waiting room. The space is populated with patients, each immersed in their own activities – some flipping through magazines, others scrolling through their phones. The nurse at the counter provides a quiet presence, assisting visitors. The walls are lined with medical posters, offering helpful health information. Despite the bustle, there is a sense of calm that permeates the room, reflecting the somewhat impersonal yet necessary environment of a hospital.

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

Task 4: Lakeside

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

This tranquil lakeside scene at sunset is the epitome of calm and serenity. As the sun continues to dip below the horizon, I predict that the people on the dock will likely remain there, savoring the peaceful moment, perhaps sharing quiet conversation as the colors of the sky turn deeper shades of orange and purple. The kayakers, enjoying the still water, will likely continue to paddle further out, making the most of the evening calm. The birds flying low over the water may glide gently across the lake, creating ripples on the otherwise smooth surface. As the sun fades and the trees become more silhouetted against the darkening sky, the air will remain peaceful, and the gentle breeze will likely continue to rustle the leaves. This calm atmosphere will likely prevail as the night approaches.

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

Task 5: City Road Improvement Project

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

While widening major roads may alleviate traffic congestion in the short term, I firmly believe that adding bike lanes and pedestrian paths is the more sustainable and forward-thinking solution. By prioritizing eco-friendly transportation, we can encourage cycling and walking, which will reduce the overall traffic volume in the city. The added infrastructure would not only make the city more accessible and safer for pedestrians and cyclists, but also help in reducing pollution and promoting healthier lifestyles. Widening roads simply increases vehicle capacity without addressing long-term sustainability, and paving existing streets only addresses immediate road conditions without improving future transportation needs. Adding bike lanes and pedestrian paths will ensure the city's growth is both environmentally and socially responsible.

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

Task 6: Gym Equipment Malfunction

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

While I was using the gym equipment, it suddenly malfunctioned, and I'm concerned about continuing to use it in that condition. I'll inform the gym staff about the issue and ask if they can repair it or offer an alternative piece of equipment. If it can't be fixed immediately, I'll ask if there are other machines I can use in the meantime. I appreciate their prompt attention to this matter for safety reasons.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/gym-equipment-malfunction

Task 7: Mandatory Recycling Programs

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

I firmly support the idea of making recycling mandatory across my country for several compelling reasons. Firstly, it significantly reduces landfill waste, which in turn mitigates soil and water pollution—a growing concern in many regions. Secondly, mandatory recycling conserves finite natural resources, such as timber and minerals, promoting sustainability for future generations. Additionally, enforcing this policy could foster a collective sense of responsibility, encouraging citizens to adopt more eco-conscious habits beyond just recycling. For instance, it might inspire reduced consumption or greater use of reusable products. In conclusion, instituting mandatory recycling would not only address pressing environmental challenges but also cultivate a culture of sustainability that benefits society as a whole.

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

Task 8: Surprising Street Performer with an Animal

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

Hi, while walking through the city center, I encountered an extraordinary street performance featuring a remarkable animal companion. The performer skillfully coordinated with the animal, which executed an array of unexpected tricks and interactive maneuvers. The synergy between them created a captivating and unforgettable show. Have you ever witnessed a performance where the animal seemed to be a true partner in the act?

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/surprising-street-performer-with-an-animal

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