

## CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 3

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                       | Brewing Good Coffee in Your Own Kitchen | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 90 seconds |
| Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience | A Language Learning Breakthrough        | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 3: Describing a Scene                  | Travellers in a Bright Terminal Hall    | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 4: Making Predictions                  | A busy coffee shop in the morning       | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 5: Comparing and Persuading            | New Employee Training Location          | Preparation: 60 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation  | Emergency Pet Surgery Decision          | Preparation: 60 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 7: Expressing Opinions                 | Public Transportation for Tourism       | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 90 seconds |
| Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation     | Smart Parking Space Indicator           | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>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

### Brewing Good Coffee in Your Own Kitchen

Your friend Darnell spends about \$8 every day on lattes from a café near his office in Calgary. He would like to save money by making coffee at home, but he has never done it and has no idea what equipment or coffee to buy. Advise Darnell on how he can start making good coffee at home.

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## Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### A Language Learning Breakthrough

Tell me about a language learning breakthrough you had. What language were you learning, what was the breakthrough, and how did it impact your confidence?

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### Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

#### Travellers in a Bright Terminal Hall

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 busy coffee shop in the morning

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



## Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### New Employee Training Location

Your company is opening a new office, and you've been asked to choose between two potential locations for the new employee training sessions. After selecting your preferred option, you'll need to persuade your supervisor why your choice is the best.

#### Option 1: Downtown Office Building

- Located in the heart of the city with easy access to public transportation
- Modern facilities with large conference rooms and break areas
- Close to restaurants, shops, and other amenities
- Estimated cost: \$15,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 weeks

#### Option 2: Suburban Business Center

- Located outside the city, quieter and more private
- Spacious, open rooms suitable for group training
- Parking available, but limited public transportation access
- Estimated cost: \$12,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 weeks

#### Your Supervisor's Choice:

- A local coworking space
- Flexible space but higher rental costs
- Limited privacy for training sessions
- Estimated cost: \$20,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 1 week

## Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### Emergency Pet Surgery Decision

Your pet needs emergency surgery, but the cost is quite high, and you're unsure whether to go ahead with it. The vet suggests that the surgery could save your pet's life, but you need to make the decision quickly.

**Choose ONE: EITHER** Talk to a family member and explain why you think the surgery is necessary despite the cost. **OR** Talk to a family member and explain why you might decide against the surgery due to the cost.

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## Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

### Public Transportation for Tourism

Do you think public transportation should be free for tourists in major cities? Why or why not?

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## Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### Smart Parking Space Indicator

You are in a busy downtown area and notice a new parking space indicator system. Describe how it works and what makes it interesting.

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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.

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## Task 1: Brewing Good Coffee in Your Own Kitchen

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

Darnell, honestly, I'm glad you're doing this. Eight dollars a day adds up to almost two hundred a month, so even a little equipment will pay for itself in a couple of weeks.

My advice is to keep it simple at first. Skip the expensive espresso machines and get a French press. It's about thirty dollars, it's hard to mess up, and it makes a really rich cup. Since you're a latte guy, add a handheld milk frother, and you'll get pretty close to what the café makes.

The thing that really makes the difference, though, is the coffee itself. Buy whole beans from a local roaster, there are a few good ones in Inglewood, and check the roast date on the bag. Then grind them right before you brew.

One last tip: set everything out the night before, so on busy mornings you're not tempted to just grab a latte on the way.

Come over this weekend and I'll show you how I make mine.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/first-time-home-coffee-brewing-setup](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/first-time-home-coffee-brewing-setup)

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## Task 2: A Language Learning Breakthrough

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

A language learning breakthrough that stands out to me was when I was learning French during my university years.

I had been studying for over a year, but I always felt too shy to speak because I was afraid of making mistakes.

One summer, I traveled to Paris, and on my first day, I got lost and had to ask for directions.

To my surprise, I managed to have a full conversation with a local in French, explaining my situation and understanding their instructions.

It wasn't perfect, but they were so kind and encouraging, and for the first time, I felt like I could actually communicate in the language.

That moment was a turning point—it boosted my confidence immensely and motivated me to immerse myself even more in the language, eventually leading me to fluency.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/a-language-learning-breakthrough](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/a-language-learning-breakthrough)

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## Task 3: Travellers in a Bright Terminal Hall

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

This is a spacious airport terminal, and the first thing you'd notice is the ceiling: it's very high and arched, with a long skylight running right down the middle, so the whole hall is full of natural light. A steady stream of travellers is heading down the concourse toward the gates. Hanging in the centre, there's a large blue departures board with a sign above it pointing to gates B1 through B31. Closest to us, a woman in a blue T-shirt and jeans is wheeling a black carry-on, and a man in olive pants with a black backpack is striding along on the left. Further back on the left, there's a long row of check-in counters with red signs. Over on the right, there are a few shops with shelves of products, and in front of them, some people are relaxing on dark leather benches. One guy in a red T-shirt and shorts is sitting at the end, looking a bit bored as he waits.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-busy-airport](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-busy-airport)

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#### Task 4: A busy coffee shop in the morning

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

This busy coffee shop in the morning showcases a vibrant yet calm atmosphere. Several people are seated at tables, absorbed in their work or studying on their laptops, while others are coming and going, adding to the dynamic energy of the space. The barista is busy preparing drinks, and there's a constant flow of customers waiting to order or picking up their coffee. Given the steady stream of activity, I predict that the barista will continue to prepare drinks for incoming customers, while the seated patrons will likely remain focused on their work or studies for a while longer. The line will gradually shorten as customers pick up their orders and leave, but new patrons will keep entering. The overall energy in the coffee shop will likely stay energetic, with people enjoying their coffee or continuing their tasks.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-4-making-predictions/samples/a-busy-coffee-shop-in-the-morning](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-4-making-predictions/samples/a-busy-coffee-shop-in-the-morning)

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#### Task 5: New Employee Training Location

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

I understand your preference for the Suburban Business Center, but I am confident the Downtown Office Building would be the better choice for our training sessions. The key advantage of the Downtown Office is its central location, which offers easy access to public transportation, ensuring all employees can attend without hassle. In contrast, the Suburban location, while quieter, has limited access to public transport, making it inconvenient for those who rely on it. Additionally, the Downtown Office has modern facilities, including large conference rooms and break areas, which would significantly enhance the training experience. The Suburban Business Center may offer more space, but it lacks the convenience and amenities that our employees need. Furthermore, while the coworking space is a flexible option, it comes with a high price tag and limited privacy, which makes it unsuitable for our needs. Considering the accessibility, facilities, and cost, I am confident the Downtown Office Building is the optimal choice for our employee training sessions.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/new-employee-training-location](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/new-employee-training-location)

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## Task 6: Emergency Pet Surgery Decision

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

I completely understand the financial concerns, but after speaking with the vet, it's clear that the surgery is essential to our pet's survival. While the cost is high, the potential to save their life outweighs the financial burden. I think we should move forward with the procedure. Our pet's health is incredibly important to us, and I believe we can find a way to manage the cost. I would rather invest in their well-being than regret not taking action later. Let's discuss any possible options to help us with the financial aspect, but I think the surgery is the best course of action.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/emergency-pet-surgery-decision](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/emergency-pet-surgery-decision)

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## Task 7: Public Transportation for Tourism

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

I support the idea of offering free public transportation to tourists in major cities for several reasons. First, providing free transport would make it easier for tourists to explore different areas of the city, which can promote cultural exchange and boost the local economy as visitors are more likely to shop and dine in various neighborhoods. Second, offering free public transportation could reduce traffic congestion, as tourists would be less likely to rely on taxis or rental cars. This, in turn, would contribute to a cleaner environment by lowering emissions. Additionally, free transport could improve the overall tourist experience, making the city more attractive as a destination. In conclusion, offering free public transport for tourists would have a positive impact on both the tourism industry and the city's infrastructure.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/public-transportation-for-tourism](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/public-transportation-for-tourism)

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## Task 8: Smart Parking Space Indicator

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

Hi, I'm in the heart of downtown, and I just noticed this incredibly smart parking space indicator system. The system uses overhead lights placed above each parking spot. If the spot is available, the light turns green, and if it's occupied, it turns red. The beauty of it is that you can instantly know which spots are free, without having to drive around looking. It's such a convenient way to streamline parking in crowded areas. What's even more interesting is that the system seems to be connected to a larger network, so it updates in real-time. It's such an innovative solution for urban spaces. Have you seen anything like this in your city?

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/smart-parking-space-indicator](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/smart-parking-space-indicator)

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