

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 34

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	Starting a Home Garden	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Trying a New Hobby	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Snowy Mountain Trail	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Hiking	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Taking Guided Tours vs. Exploring Independently While Traveling	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Using Roommate's Groceries	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Eliminating Homework from Schools	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Streetlamp Trailing Pedestrians Like a Pet	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

Starting a Home Garden

Your neighbor is interested in starting a small garden on their balcony but isn't sure which plants are best for the space or how to care for them. Offer some advice on beginning a home garden.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Trying a New Hobby

Describe a time when you tried a new hobby. What was the hobby, how did you get started, and how did this experience affect you?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Snowy Mountain Trail

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

Hiking

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Taking Guided Tours vs. Exploring Independently While Traveling

On your upcoming trip, you can either join a guided tour or explore the city on your own.

****Option 1:**

- Guided Tour
- Professional guide
- Fixed schedule
- Visit top attractions
- Group travel

****Option 2:**

- Explore Independently
- Flexible schedule
- Choose your own attractions
- Discover hidden gems
- Travel at your own pace

****Alternative Choice (Your Travel Partner's Preference):**

Guided tours are well-organized, informative, and ensure you see all the important sights without getting lost.

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Using Roommate's Groceries

You ran out of some essential ingredients while cooking late at night and used a few items from your roommate's groceries without asking, intending to replace them. Your roommate notices the next day and seems upset about it. You need to explain to keep the living situation harmonious.

Choice:

Talk to your roommate and explain why you used their groceries, apologizing and offering to replace them immediately.

OR

Talk to your roommate and explain why you think sharing groceries occasionally is fine, but agree to ask next time.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Eliminating Homework from Schools

Do you think schools should stop giving homework to students? Explain your opinion, considering the effects of homework on learning, stress, and family time.

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Streetlamp Trailing Pedestrians Like a Pet

While walking down a street, you notice a streetlamp that seems to follow people as they walk, almost like a pet dog. Describe this strange phenomenon to a friend.

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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: Starting a Home Garden

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

Starting a balcony garden can be very rewarding with the right steps. First, check how much sunlight your balcony receives to decide which plants will thrive best—herbs, succulents, and small vegetables are usually good options. Use containers with proper drainage and high-quality potting soil designed for container gardening. Create a regular care routine that includes watering, fertilizing, and checking for pests. With patience and care, your garden can become a relaxing green space in your home.

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

Task 2: Trying a New Hobby

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

Last year, inspired by a documentary, I took up pottery as a new hobby, eager to create something tangible with my hands. I enrolled in a local class, where I learned to shape clay on a wheel, though my first attempts were wobbly and frustrating. The process was meditative, and I felt a surge of accomplishment when I crafted my first bowl. That moment of seeing my creation come to life was exhilarating. This hobby not only sparked my creativity but also taught me resilience and the joy of embracing imperfection in art and life.

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

Task 3: A Snowy Mountain Trail

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

This stunning mountain trail, blanketed in fresh snow, exudes the peacefulness of a winter landscape. A few hikers trek through the snow, their footprints marking the untouched path. The surrounding trees are coated in snow, their branches bending slightly under the weight. The bright, clear sky contrasts beautifully with the white snow, and the hikers, bundled up against the cold, seem to relish the tranquility of the mountain wilderness.

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

Task 4: Hiking

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

The image depicts a couple trekking up a mountain trail, their backpacks signaling a prepared journey as they ascend. Birds glide gracefully in the sky, and a lush expanse of trees envelops the path. A quaint cabin looms in the distance near the summit. I anticipate they'll persist in their hike, likely reaching the cabin for a well-earned break, while the birds continue their aerial dance, enhancing the tranquil wilderness ambiance.

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

Task 5: Taking Guided Tours vs. Exploring Independently While Traveling

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

Guided tours do offer valuable information and the security of an organized schedule, but I believe exploring independently offers a richer travel experience. You can tailor your day to your interests, discover unique spots off the tourist trail, and immerse yourself more deeply in the local culture. The flexibility and sense of adventure far outweigh the structured approach of guided tours, making independent exploration the superior option.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/taking-guided-tours-vs-exploring-independently-while

Task 6: Using Roommate's Groceries

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

I can see you're frustrated about the missing groceries, and I completely take responsibility—I borrowed a few items last night when I unexpectedly ran short during cooking, assuming I'd replace them before you noticed, but that was presumptuous on my part. I apologize for not respecting your personal supplies and for any inconvenience this caused, as I know how important it is to maintain trust in our living arrangement. To make amends, I'll purchase replacements this afternoon and even add a little extra as a peace offering. Moving forward, I'll make a conscious effort to communicate better, perhaps by texting if something like this arises again, ensuring our home remains comfortable for both of us.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/using-roommates-groceries

Task 7: Eliminating Homework from Schools

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

In my opinion, homework assignments should be significantly reduced or eliminated because they often contribute to student burnout and diminish overall learning quality. While homework is intended to reinforce concepts, excessive assignments can lead to stress and fatigue, limiting time for essential activities such as family interaction, physical exercise, and creative pursuits. Furthermore, many students do not receive adequate support at home, which can increase educational inequalities. Schools should prioritize effective in-class teaching and use alternative methods like project-based learning to engage students more meaningfully. Therefore, removing traditional homework could enhance both academic outcomes and student well-being.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/eliminating-homework-from-schools

Task 8: A Streetlamp Trailing Pedestrians Like a Pet

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

While strolling along a city street, I observed a bizarre phenomenon: a streetlamp that appeared to track and follow pedestrians as they walked. Its light source moved smoothly and deliberately, mirroring the pace and direction of each person, almost as if it were a loyal pet trailing its owner. This unusual behavior defied all expectations about fixed streetlights and created an eerie yet fascinating spectacle.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-streetlamp-trailing-pedestrians-like-a-pet

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