

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 35

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	Getting into Photography	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Receiving Unexpected Praise from Your Manager at Work	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Crowded Urban Street	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Woman is Cooking	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Preparing Meals in Advance vs. Cooking Each Day	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Missing a Work Deadline Due to Illness	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Electric Vehicles Replacing Gasoline Cars by 2050	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Sidewalk Made of Translucent Glass Panels	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

Getting into Photography

Your cousin wants to start photography as a hobby but doesn't know much about cameras or how to begin. They've asked for your advice on how to get started with photography. Give them some tips.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Receiving Unexpected Praise from Your Manager at Work

Tell us about a time when you received unexpected praise from your manager at work. What happened, and how did it make you feel?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Crowded Urban Street

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

Woman is Cooking

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Preparing Meals in Advance vs. Cooking Each Day

You are planning how to manage your meals during a busy month. Should you prepare meals in advance or cook fresh meals each day?

****Option 1:**

- Meal Prep in Advance
- Save time during the week
- Healthy portions, planned diet
- Less daily cleanup
- Risk of getting bored with repeats

****Option 2:**

- Cook Fresh Each Day
- Always eat freshly made food
- More variety
- Takes more daily time
- More dishes to clean

****Alternative Choice (Your Roommate's Preference):**

Cooking each day means more variety and fresh meals but requires more time and effort.

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Missing a Work Deadline Due to Illness

You were assigned a project with a tight deadline, but you fell ill unexpectedly and couldn't complete it on time, affecting team progress. Your boss is expecting the deliverable today. You must inform them professionally to mitigate any negative impact.

Choice:

Talk to your boss and explain the illness while providing a new timeline and offering to work extra to catch up.

OR

Talk to your boss and explain why the deadline was unrealistic to begin with, but commit to finishing soon despite the illness.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Electric Vehicles Replacing Gasoline Cars by 2050

Do you think gasoline cars will disappear by 2050 and electric vehicles will take over? Explain your view, considering technology, environment, and infrastructure.

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Sidewalk Made of Translucent Glass Panels

You walk on a sidewalk made entirely of translucent glass panels that let you see the ground far below. Describe this unusual sidewalk to a friend who cannot see 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: Getting into Photography

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

I love that you're interested in photography—it's a wonderful creative hobby. Begin with your smartphone, which is great for learning basic skills like composition and lighting. Try capturing nature or portraits outdoors where natural light is best. Complement your practice by watching beginner tutorials online, such as on YouTube, to understand concepts like framing and exposure. Practice daily, even if only for a few shots, to develop your eye for detail. A friend of mine started this way and later upgraded to a DSLR once she was passionate. Start simple, and let your creativity grow!

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/getting-into-photography

Task 2: Receiving Unexpected Praise from Your Manager at Work

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

Last year, after weeks of hard work on a complex assignment, my manager unexpectedly praised me during a staff meeting. She highlighted my dedication, attention to detail, and my ability to bring the team together during stressful times. I felt both surprised and deeply appreciated because I hadn't realized my efforts were being noticed so closely. Her recognition boosted my confidence and made me realize how important it is to support my colleagues. Since then, I've felt much more connected to my workplace, and it encouraged me to keep challenging myself professionally.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/receiving-unexpected-praise-from-your-manager-at-work

Task 3: A Crowded Urban Street

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

This vibrant urban street scene portrays the constant energy of a city. People move quickly in all directions—some crossing the road, others waiting at bus stops or hailing taxis. The towering buildings and glowing billboards add to the fast-paced nature of the environment, while the steady flow of cars keeps the street alive with movement. The scene reflects the hustle and bustle of urban life.

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

Task 4: Woman is Cooking

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

The image portrays a cozy kitchen where a woman is multitasking, stirring a simmering pot while chopping fresh vegetables. At the table, a child is engrossed in a drawing, bathed in sunlight from an open window that reveals a bright day. A cat dozes contentedly on the floor. I foresee the woman finishing her culinary creation shortly, the child adding more details to their masterpiece, and the cat continuing its restful nap, undisturbed by the gentle bustle around it.

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

Task 5: Preparing Meals in Advance vs. Cooking Each Day

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

Although daily cooking allows for more variety and freshness, meal prepping in advance is far more practical for a busy schedule. It ensures I always have nutritious meals ready, helps control portions, and drastically reduces daily stress and cleanup. While it might get a bit repetitive, the time and effort saved each week make meal prepping the smartest, most efficient choice for maintaining a healthy lifestyle

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/preparing-meals-in-advance-vs-cooking-each-day

Task 6: Missing a Work Deadline Due to Illness

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

I wanted to address this directly—unfortunately, I missed the deadline on the project because I was sidelined by a sudden and debilitating illness that struck mid-week, preventing me from maintaining the necessary productivity despite my best efforts. I recognize the ripple effect this could have on our team's timeline, and I apologize profusely for any disruption caused, as reliability is something I pride myself on. Moving forward, I'm on the mend and propose a revised completion by tomorrow afternoon, supplemented by overtime if required to align with our goals. Additionally, if it helps, I could provide medical documentation or collaborate with a colleague for interim support. Your flexibility in this matter is greatly appreciated, and I'm eager to get back on track.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/missing-a-work-deadline-due-to-illness

Task 7: Electric Vehicles Replacing Gasoline Cars by 2050

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

In my view, electric vehicles are poised to largely replace gasoline-powered cars by 2050 due to a combination of environmental imperatives, technological advancements, and evolving government policies. EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, which is crucial in combating climate change and urban air pollution. Advances in battery technology have improved driving range and reduced costs, making EVs increasingly accessible. Moreover, many countries are implementing strict regulations and incentives to phase out gasoline cars. However, challenges such as the need for widespread charging infrastructure and sustainable battery recycling remain. Despite these obstacles, it is reasonable to expect that electric vehicles will become the dominant mode of personal transport within the next few decades.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/electric-vehicles-replacing-gasoline-cars-by-2050

Task 8: A Sidewalk Made of Translucent Glass Panels

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

I recently experienced walking on a sidewalk composed entirely of translucent glass panels. Through these panels, I could clearly see the bustling street and pavement many feet below, which gave me a thrilling sensation of floating above the ground. The design was both innovative and slightly unnerving, offering a unique blend of transparency and elevation that transformed a simple walkway into an extraordinary architectural feature.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-sidewalk-made-of-translucent-glass-panels

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