

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 38

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 Vegetable Garden	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Discovering a Hidden Talent During a Community Event	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Busy Airport Terminal	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Amusement Park	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Digital Textbooks vs. Printed Textbooks	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Refusing a Friend's Weekend Trip Invitation	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Age Verification on Social Media Platforms	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Shop Display Rearranging Itself Overnight	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 Vegetable Garden

Your friend wants to grow their own vegetables at home but has no gardening experience and doesn't know where to begin. They've asked for your advice on how to start a small vegetable garden. Give them some tips.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Discovering a Hidden Talent During a Community Event

Describe an experience when you discovered a hidden talent during a community event. What did you discover, and how did you feel?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Busy Airport Terminal

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

Amusement Park

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Digital Textbooks vs. Printed Textbooks

You are starting a new semester at university. You must choose between using digital textbooks or printed textbooks.

**Option 1:

- Digital Textbooks
- Accessible on multiple devices
- Searchable content
- Lighter to carry
- Need battery power

**Option 2:

- Printed Textbooks
- No batteries needed
- Easier on the eyes
- Can make handwritten notes
- Heavy to carry

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

Printed textbooks are easier to study from for long hours and allow for physical note-taking.

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Refusing a Friend's Weekend Trip Invitation

Your friend has invited you on a spontaneous weekend trip, but you're overwhelmed with personal commitments and can't afford the time or expense right now. They're excited and persistent. You must decline gracefully.

Choice:

Talk to your friend and explain your time constraints while suggesting an alternative shorter outing soon.

OR

Talk to your friend and explain the financial reasons for refusing, but express enthusiasm for future plans.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Age Verification on Social Media Platforms

Do you think social media companies should ask users for government ID to verify their age? Explain your opinion, considering safety, privacy, and access.

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Shop Display Rearranging Itself Overnight

You visit a shop in the morning and notice that the display window has completely rearranged itself overnight without anyone touching it. Describe this mysterious event 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 Vegetable Garden

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

That's a fantastic idea to grow your own vegetables! I'd recommend starting modestly with beginner-friendly crops like cherry tomatoes, lettuce, or basil, which thrive in pots or small garden beds if space is limited. Invest in quality potting soil and choose a location with at least six hours of sunlight daily—consistent light is crucial. Water regularly, keeping the soil moist but not soggy, and consider adding compost for nutrients. A friend of mine began with herbs on her balcony and scaled up to a full garden within a year. Take it step-by-step, and you'll enjoy both the process and the harvest!

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

Task 2: Discovering a Hidden Talent During a Community Event

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

A few years ago, at a local community event, I participated in an impromptu painting competition. I had never really painted before, but I wanted to try something new. To my amazement, my painting was praised by both judges and attendees, who encouraged me to pursue art. Discovering this hidden talent not only boosted my confidence but also inspired me to explore new hobbies and express myself creatively in ways I hadn't imagined before.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/discovering-a-hidden-talent-during-a-community-event

Task 3: A Busy Airport Terminal

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

This bustling airport terminal reflects the constant movement of travelers. People are walking in all directions—some sitting and waiting, others in line for security checks. The large windows provide a view of airplanes on the tarmac, and flight information is visible on the screens overhead. The terminal is filled with the energy of anticipation, as travelers prepare for their next journey.

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

Task 4: Amusement Park

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

The image portrays a lively amusement park where a family is immersed in fun. The parents watch their children thrill to a roller coaster, while other visitors savor cotton candy and engage in carnival games. A clear sky enhances the day, and a Ferris wheel spins majestically in the background. I anticipate the kids will eagerly queue for more rides, and the park will remain abuzz with laughter and excitement as visitors revel in the attractions.

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

Task 5: Digital Textbooks vs. Printed Textbooks

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

Although printed textbooks offer the benefit of easy reading and physical note-taking, digital textbooks are much more convenient for modern students. You can access them on multiple devices, search for information instantly, and avoid carrying heavy books. While battery life is a concern, the overall portability, flexibility, and ability to highlight or bookmark content make digital textbooks the superior option for effective studying.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/digital-textbooks-vs-printed-textbooks

Task 6: Refusing a Friend's Weekend Trip Invitation

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

I was thrilled to receive your invitation for the weekend getaway, as it truly aligns with the kind of fun we always have, but after careful consideration, I must regrettably decline due to pressing commitments that demand my full attention and would prevent me from being present in the moment. I understand your excitement and hate to disappoint, yet prioritizing these responsibilities now will allow me to be a better companion on future outings. As an alternative, perhaps we could organize a local excursion next month that fits both our calendars and budgets more comfortably. Your friendship means the world, and I'm grateful for your empathy in this situation—let's keep brainstorming ideas to make it happen soon.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/refusing-a-friends-weekend-trip-invitation

Task 7: Age Verification on Social Media Platforms

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

In my opinion, social media platforms should implement age verification via government-issued IDs to enhance online safety and protect minors from exposure to inappropriate content and exploitation. Such verification can deter underage users and foster a more responsible online environment. Nevertheless, this approach raises significant privacy concerns, including potential data breaches and misuse of sensitive information. To address this, robust encryption and strict data protection policies must be enforced. While some may argue that this restricts anonymity and freedom, the benefits of safeguarding vulnerable populations outweigh these concerns, making age verification a necessary step.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/age-verification-on-social-media-platforms

Task 8: A Shop Display Rearranging Itself Overnight

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

When I visited a shop this morning, I was surprised to find that the entire display window had been mysteriously rearranged overnight. The products were positioned in an entirely new layout, with no signs of human intervention. It was as if the display had come to life and organized itself while everyone was asleep. This strange occurrence was both intriguing and baffling.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-shop-display-rearranging-itself-overnight

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