

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 39

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 Hobby	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Spending a Night Alone in a Cabin During a Thunderstorm	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Family Playing in the Park	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Jogging	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Streaming Music Services vs. Purchasing Music Albums	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Canceling a Volunteer Shift	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Safety of Genetically Modified Foods for Long-Term Consumption	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Swarm of Butterflies Carrying Smartphone Screens	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 Hobby

Your younger sibling wants to start a new hobby but is unsure which one to pick. They feel overwhelmed by all the options and don't know where to begin. Give them advice on how to choose a hobby that suits them.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Spending a Night Alone in a Cabin During a Thunderstorm

Talk about your experience spending a night alone in a cabin during a thunderstorm. What happened, and how did you feel?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Family Playing in the Park

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.

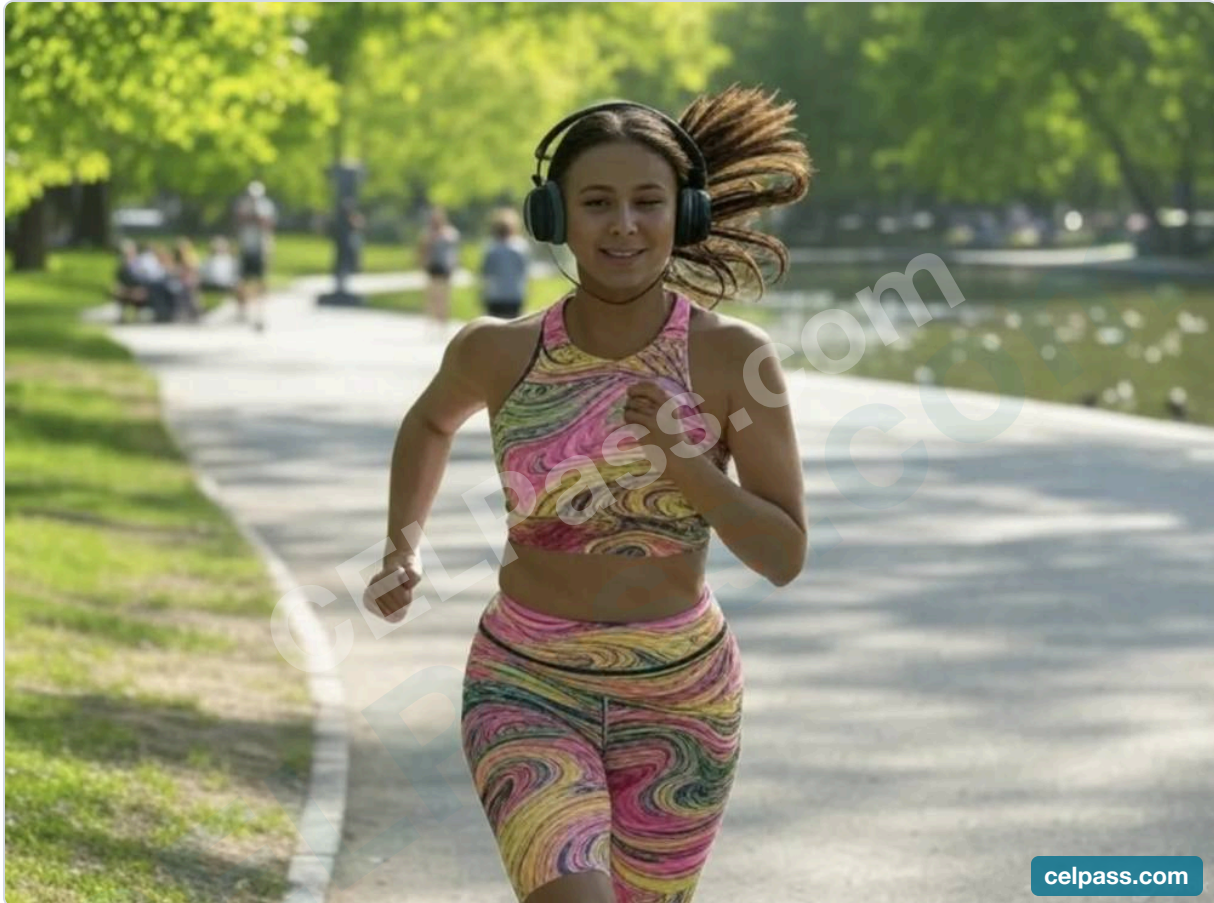


Task 4: Making Predictions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Jogging

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Streaming Music Services vs. Purchasing Music Albums

You want to enjoy music regularly. Should you subscribe to a streaming music service or buy individual music albums?

Option 1:

- Streaming Services
- Unlimited songs
- Personalized playlists
- Monthly fee (\$10)
- Need internet access

**Option 2:

- Purchasing Albums
- Own music forever
- No monthly fees
- Limited to bought albums
- Pay for each album (\$15 each)

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

Purchasing albums means you own your music and can listen anytime without internet or extra monthly costs.

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Canceling a Volunteer Shift

You've committed to a volunteer shift at a local event, but an unexpected family emergency requires your attention, forcing you to cancel last-minute. The coordinator is counting on you. You need to notify them responsibly.

Choice:

Talk to the volunteer coordinator and explain the family emergency while offering to find a replacement or reschedule.

OR

Talk to the volunteer coordinator and explain why the shift was overcommitted to begin with, but apologize and commit to future reliability.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Safety of Genetically Modified Foods for Long-Term Consumption

Do you think eating genetically modified (GM) foods is safe for people in the long term? Explain your opinion, considering health, environment, and food supply.

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Swarm of Butterflies Carrying Smartphone Screens

You see a swarm of butterflies flying around, each carrying a small smartphone screen that shows different images. Describe this unusual scene 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: Choosing a Hobby

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

I'm thrilled to hear you're interested in picking up a new hobby, and I'd be happy to guide you through the process of choosing one that's a great fit for you. Start by reflecting on your interests and personality—consider what activities naturally draw your attention or bring you joy; for instance, if you're drawn to creativity, you might explore painting or writing, whereas if you enjoy physical challenges, something like rock climbing or martial arts could be ideal. It's also worth thinking about your lifestyle and goals: if you're looking to meet new people, a group-based hobby like a cooking class might be perfect, but if you're seeking relaxation, a solo activity like journaling or gardening could be more suitable. I'd also suggest experimenting with a few options—many community centers offer introductory sessions, allowing you to try before committing. A friend of mine discovered her passion for pottery after attending a one-day workshop, and it's now her favorite way to unwind. The key is to choose something that excites you and aligns with your interests, and don't be afraid to explore until you find the perfect match!

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

Task 2: Spending a Night Alone in a Cabin During a Thunderstorm

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

During a solo trip in the mountains, I spent a night alone in a remote cabin when a severe thunderstorm hit. The rain pounded on the roof, and lightning lit up the sky. Although I was nervous at first, I focused on deep breathing and tried to distract myself by journaling. By morning, the storm had passed, and I felt a real sense of accomplishment for facing my fears. The experience taught me that I'm stronger and braver than I thought.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/spending-a-night-alone-in-a-cabin-during-a-thunderstorm

Task 3: A Family Playing in the Park

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

This heartwarming scene of a family in the park radiates happiness and togetherness. The children run energetically, playing games and laughing, while the parents sit on a bench, watching them with smiles. The vibrant greenery and towering trees add to the tranquil atmosphere, making it an ideal setting for family bonding and outdoor fun.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-family-playing-in-the-park

Task 4: Jogging

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

The image captures a woman jogging energetically along a path in a city park, her headphones providing a soundtrack to her run. Around her, people unwind on benches or take casual walks, framed by verdant trees. A pond glimmers nearby, alive with ducks gliding across it. I foresee her sustaining her pace, invigorated by the fresh air, while the ducks persist in their tranquil swim, contributing to the park's serene charm.

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

Task 5: Streaming Music Services vs. Purchasing Music Albums

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

While owning music albums allows you to keep your favorite songs forever and listen without internet, streaming services offer far greater value for music lovers. For a low monthly fee, I have unlimited access to millions of tracks, discover new artists, and enjoy personalized playlists. The variety and convenience streaming provides simply outweigh the benefits of buying albums, making it the best option for enjoying music daily.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/streaming-music-services-vs-purchasing-music-albums

Task 6: Canceling a Volunteer Shift

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

I must apologize profusely for this last-minute notification, but I'm unable to fulfill my volunteer shift today owing to a sudden family emergency that demands my undivided attention and couldn't have been anticipated. I fully recognize the strain this places on the team's logistics and feel terrible about contributing to any shortfall, as supporting this initiative is meaningful to me. In an effort to assist, I'll proactively seek a substitute from my network and follow up with you shortly, or alternatively, I can commit to an extended slot next week to compensate. Your understanding during this challenging time is deeply appreciated, and I assure you of my renewed commitment to reliability in our ongoing efforts.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/canceling-a-volunteer-shift

Task 7: Safety of Genetically Modified Foods for Long-Term Consumption

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

In my view, genetically modified foods are largely safe for long-term human consumption, supported by extensive scientific studies and regulatory evaluations. They offer significant benefits, such as enhanced nutritional content, higher yields, and reduced reliance on harmful pesticides, which contribute positively to food security and environmental sustainability. However, public concerns persist regarding potential allergenicity, gene transfer, and ecological impacts, warranting ongoing research and monitoring. Transparency in labeling and responsible regulation are crucial to maintaining consumer trust. Thus, while GM foods present a promising solution to global food challenges, cautious optimism should guide their adoption.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/safety-of-genetically-modified-foods-for-long-term

Task 8: A Swarm of Butterflies Carrying Smartphone Screens

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

I witnessed an extraordinary sight—a swarm of butterflies fluttering through the air, each delicately carrying a miniature smartphone screen displaying a variety of images and videos. The combination of nature and technology was surreal, as the butterflies moved gracefully while acting as tiny mobile displays. This breathtaking scene was unlike anything I had ever imagined.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-swarm-of-butterflies-carrying-smartphone-screens

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