

# CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 40

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                       | Coping with Exam Anxiety                             | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 90 seconds |
| Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience | Being Asked to Give a Speech with Little Preparation | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 3: Describing a Scene                  | A Rainy Day in the City                              | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 4: Making Predictions                  | Coworkers                                            | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 5: Comparing and Persuading            | Taking Notes by Hand vs. Using a Tablet or Laptop    | Preparation: 60 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation  | Customer Order Out of Stock                          | Preparation: 60 seconds<br>Speaking: 60 seconds |
| Task 7: Expressing Opinions                 | Legalizing Euthanasia for Terminally Ill Patients    | Preparation: 30 seconds<br>Speaking: 90 seconds |
| Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation     | A Tree Sprouting Glowing Lanterns Instead of Fruit   | 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

### Coping with Exam Anxiety

Your best friend is preparing for an important exam but is feeling very anxious and stressed. They're worried they might fail and don't know how to calm down. Give them advice on how to cope with exam anxiety.

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## Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### Being Asked to Give a Speech with Little Preparation

Describe a time when you were asked to give a speech with little preparation. How did you handle it?

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### Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

#### A Rainy Day in the City

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

### Coworkers

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



## Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### Taking Notes by Hand vs. Using a Tablet or Laptop

You are attending a series of lectures and must decide whether to take notes by hand or use a tablet/laptop.

\*\*Option 1:

- By Hand
- Improves memory retention
- No device distractions
- Slower, can't edit easily
- Need to carry notebooks

\*\*Option 2:

- Tablet/Laptop
- Fast typing, easy to edit
- Organize and search notes
- Possible distractions
- Battery needed

\*\*\*Alternative Choice (Your Professor's Preference):

Taking notes by hand is better for remembering and understanding, and avoids distractions from devices.

## Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### Customer Order Out of Stock

A customer placed an order for a popular product through your store, but due to high demand, it's now out of stock with no immediate restock date. They're eager for it. You must explain to retain their loyalty.

Choice:

Talk to the customer and explain the stock issue while offering alternatives or a discount on future purchases.

OR

Talk to the customer and explain why the product is in high demand, but suggest waiting for restock with priority notification.

## Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

### Legalizing Euthanasia for Terminally Ill Patients

Do you think euthanasia (assisted dying) should be allowed for people who are terminally ill? Explain your opinion, considering ethics, patient rights, and medical care.

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## Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

### A Tree Sprouting Glowing Lanterns Instead of Fruit

You notice a tree that doesn't grow regular fruit but instead has glowing lanterns hanging from its branches, lighting up the area around it. Describe this unusual tree to a friend.



# 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: Coping with Exam Anxiety

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

I completely understand how overwhelming exam anxiety can feel, but there are several effective strategies you can use to manage it and perform at your best. First, I'd strongly recommend creating a balanced study plan—break your material into manageable chunks and study consistently over time rather than cramming, as this will help build your confidence and reduce last-minute stress. Incorporate relaxation techniques into your routine: for example, practice mindfulness or meditation for 10 minutes daily to help center your thoughts, and take regular breaks during study sessions to recharge—perhaps a quick walk or some light stretching. On the exam day, use calming techniques like deep breathing or progressive muscle relaxation to steady your nerves before you begin. A friend of mine struggled with exam anxiety during university, and she found that positive visualization—imagining herself answering questions confidently—made a significant difference in her mindset. You've put in the hard work, so trust in your preparation, and approach the exam with a clear, focused mind—you've got this!

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/coping-with-exam-anxiety](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/coping-with-exam-anxiety)

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## Task 2: Being Asked to Give a Speech with Little Preparation

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

At a recent work meeting, my manager unexpectedly asked me to present our team's progress. I had no time to prepare, but I quickly organized my thoughts and focused on our main achievements. Although I felt anxious, I spoke clearly and answered questions confidently. My colleagues appreciated my effort, and I gained valuable experience in thinking on my feet. It showed me the importance of staying calm under pressure.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/being-asked-to-give-a-speech-with-little-preparation](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/being-asked-to-give-a-speech-with-little-preparation)

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### Task 3: A Rainy Day in the City

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

This rainy day city scene captures the quiet beauty of urban life under the weather's influence. People walk along the wet sidewalks, their umbrellas creating pops of color in the grey landscape. The reflections of buildings in the rain-soaked streets add a layer of visual interest, while the faint fog in the air gives the scene a dreamy, almost cinematic quality. The sound of passing cars and distant footsteps adds a layer of peaceful solitude to the otherwise bustling city.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-rainy-day-in-the-city-2](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-rainy-day-in-the-city-2)

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### Task 4: Coworkers

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

The image depicts a professional setting in a meeting room, where a group of coworkers is engaged in a session. One colleague presents via a projector, while the others jot down notes, surrounded by coffee cups indicative of a morning meeting. A whiteboard adorned with charts underscores the discussion. I anticipate the presenter will elaborate further, maintaining the group's attention, as they diligently collaborate and plan, fueled by their morning brew.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-4-making-predictions/samples/coworkers](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-4-making-predictions/samples/coworkers)

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### Task 5: Taking Notes by Hand vs. Using a Tablet or Laptop

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

Although handwritten notes can enhance memory and reduce distractions, using a tablet or laptop is far more efficient for most students today. Typing is much faster, making it easier to keep up with lectures. Notes can be organized, edited, and searched quickly. While there's a risk of distraction, with discipline, digital note-taking offers superior flexibility and efficiency for effective learning.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/taking-notes-by-hand-vs-using-a-tablet-or-laptop](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/taking-notes-by-hand-vs-using-a-tablet-or-laptop)

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## Task 6: Customer Order Out of Stock

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

Thank you for choosing our store and placing your order—however, I must inform you that the product is temporarily out of stock following an unprecedented surge in demand that depleted our inventory faster than expected. I completely empathize with your frustration, as timely delivery is key to customer satisfaction, and I apologize for this setback. To address it effectively, I can suggest comparable alternatives from our range that match your needs, complete with detailed comparisons, or arrange for a priority alert when restocked, potentially within two weeks. Moreover, as a gesture of goodwill, we're extending a 15% discount on any substitute or future order. Your feedback on how to best resolve this would be invaluable, and we're committed to turning this around positively.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/customer-order-out-of-stock](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/customer-order-out-of-stock)

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## Task 7: Legalizing Euthanasia for Terminally Ill Patients

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

In my opinion, euthanasia should be legalized for terminally ill patients as an expression of compassionate care and respect for individual autonomy. Allowing patients to choose a dignified death can alleviate unbearable physical and psychological suffering when no curative treatment is possible. Nonetheless, stringent safeguards, including thorough medical evaluations, informed consent, and legal oversight, are essential to prevent misuse and protect vulnerable populations. While ethical debates continue, prioritizing patient dignity and relief from pain supports the legalization of euthanasia as a humane option in end-of-life care.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/legalizing-euthanasia-for-terminally-ill-patients](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/legalizing-euthanasia-for-terminally-ill-patients)

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## Task 8: A Tree Sprouting Glowing Lanterns Instead of Fruit

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

I encountered a fascinating tree that defied all expectations by bearing glowing lanterns instead of ordinary fruit. These lanterns emitted a warm, radiant light, illuminating the surrounding area with a soft, enchanting glow. The sight was utterly captivating—an extraordinary blend of nature and light that transformed the tree into a luminous spectacle, creating an atmosphere both surreal and inviting.

Basic and good answers for this task: [celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-tree-sprouting-glowing-lanterns-instead-of-fruit](https://celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-tree-sprouting-glowing-lanterns-instead-of-fruit)

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