

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 41

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	Adopting a Pet	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Saving Up for and Buying Something You Really Wanted	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Street Food Vendor	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Skatepark	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Using a Personal Car vs. Public Transportation for Daily Travel	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Denying Colleague's Request for Project Help	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Climate Change as the Most Urgent Global Crisis	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	An Escalator Running Diagonally Between Two Buildings	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

Adopting a Pet

Your coworker is thinking about adopting a pet for the first time but is unsure if they're ready for the responsibility. They're worried about making the wrong decision. Give them advice on what to consider before adopting a pet.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Saving Up for and Buying Something You Really Wanted

Tell me about a time when you saved up for and bought something you really wanted. What did you buy, and how did it feel?

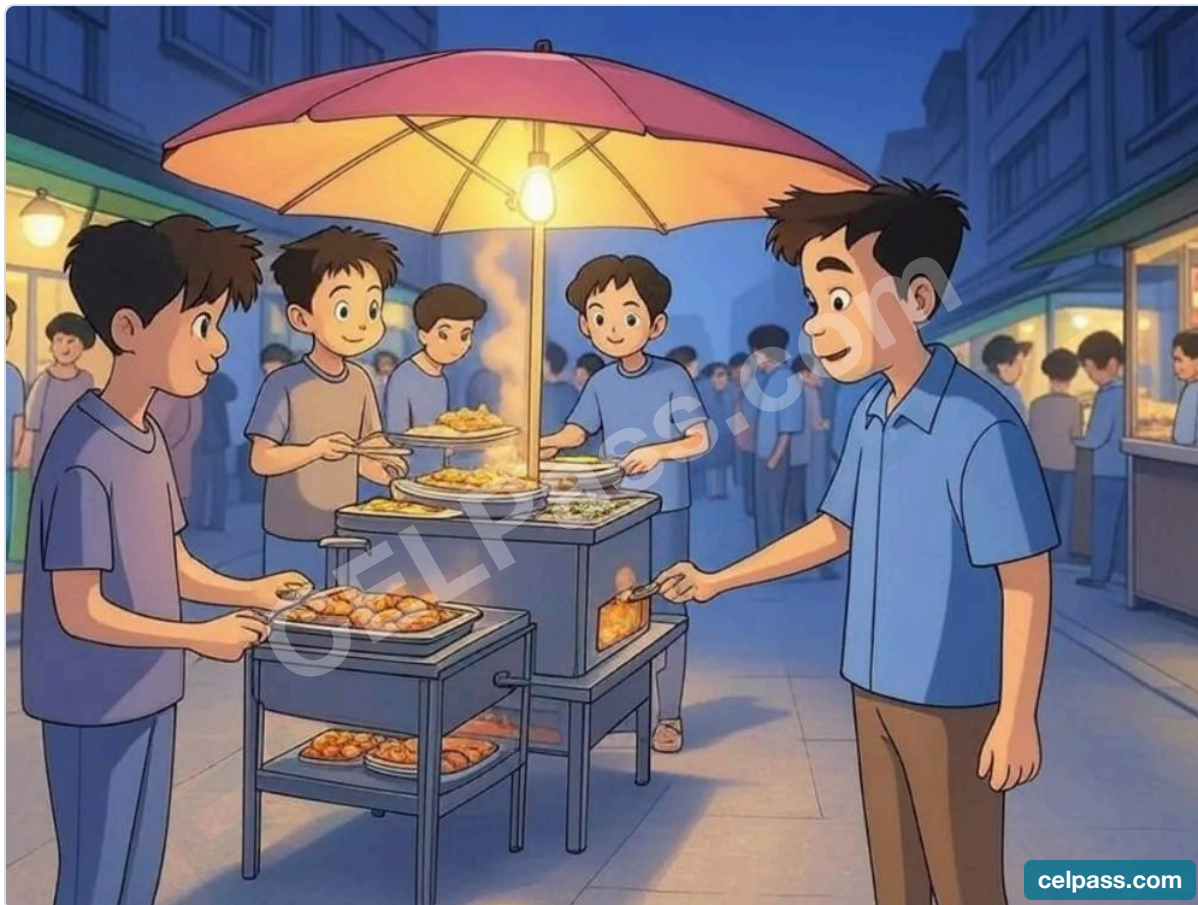
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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Street Food Vendor

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

Skatepark

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Using a Personal Car vs. Public Transportation for Daily Travel

You have moved to a new city and need to decide how to commute to work every day—either by driving your own car or using public transportation.

**Option 1:

- Personal Car
- Flexible schedule
- Comfortable and private
- Parking fees and fuel costs
- Can get stuck in traffic

**Option 2:

- Public Transportation
- Lower cost
- No need to worry about parking
- Fixed schedule
- Less privacy, may be crowded

***Alternative Choice (Colleague's Preference):

Public transportation is cheaper, more eco-friendly, and you can relax or read during your commute.

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Denying Colleague's Request for Project Help

A colleague has asked for your assistance on their project, but your own workload is too heavy, and helping would compromise your deadlines. They're under pressure too. You must refuse diplomatically.

Choice:

Talk to your colleague and explain your time constraints while offering advice or resources instead of direct help.

OR

Talk to your colleague and explain why their request is untimely, but suggest collaborating after your priorities are met.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Climate Change as the Most Urgent Global Crisis

Do you think climate change is the biggest global problem today? Explain your opinion, considering its effects on the environment, economy, and people.

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

An Escalator Running Diagonally Between Two Buildings

Between two tall buildings, there is an escalator running diagonally from one to the other, instead of going straight up or down. Describe this unusual escalator and how it looks 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.

Task 1: Adopting a Pet

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

I'm glad you're thinking about adopting a pet—it can be a wonderfully rewarding experience, but it's important to approach the decision thoughtfully. First and foremost, I'd recommend evaluating your lifestyle and schedule: consider whether you have the time and energy to meet a pet's needs, such as daily feeding, exercise, and companionship, as these responsibilities can vary significantly depending on the type of animal. Financial readiness is another critical factor—ensure you're prepared for ongoing expenses like food, grooming, and veterinary care, as well as unexpected medical costs. If you're new to pet ownership, you might want to start with a more independent pet, such as a cat or a small animal like a hamster, to ease into the responsibilities before considering a higher-maintenance pet like a dog. A friend of mine adopted a rescue dog after volunteering at a shelter for a few weeks, which helped her understand the commitment involved and choose the right pet for her lifestyle. Take your time to research and reflect, and you'll be well on your way to becoming a responsible and loving pet owner!

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/adopting-a-pet-2

Task 2: Saving Up for and Buying Something You Really Wanted

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

I had always dreamed of owning a professional camera, so I set a goal to save a portion of my salary every month. It took nearly a year, but when I finally bought the camera, I felt a huge sense of accomplishment. The process taught me patience and the value of working towards a goal. Using the camera brought me a lot of joy because I knew I had truly earned it.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/saving-up-for-and-buying-something-you-really-wanted

Task 3: A Street Food Vendor

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

This vibrant street food scene comes alive at night with the hustle and bustle of the crowd. The vendor stands at the grill, expertly cooking food as the delicious aroma wafts through the air, drawing people in. The bright lights of the stall create a warm, inviting glow, while the surrounding street is alive with movement and energy. It's the perfect spot to enjoy tasty food in the heart of the city.

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

Task 4: Skatepark

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

The image captures a dynamic moment at a skate park, where a boy glides on his skateboard, captivating other children who watch or practice their own tricks. The sun dips low, casting a warm orange hue over the ramps, rails, and scattered trees. I foresee the boy persisting with his moves, fueled by the fading light, while his peers remain, enthralled, until the encroaching darkness prompts their departure.

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

Task 5: Using a Personal Car vs. Public Transportation for Daily Travel

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

While public transportation is more affordable and environmentally friendly, I believe driving my own car offers the greatest convenience and comfort. I have control over my schedule and can avoid the stress of crowded buses or trains. Although parking and fuel costs are higher, the privacy and flexibility of personal travel are worth it. For my daily routine and lifestyle, a car is clearly the superior choice.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/using-a-personal-car-vs-public-transportation-for-daily

Task 6: Denying Colleague's Request for Project Help

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

Thank you for trusting me with your request for assistance on the project—it's flattering—but after reviewing my current commitments, I must decline as my plate is overflowing with time-sensitive tasks that demand full focus to meet our departmental goals. I understand the challenges you're facing and empathize with the added stress, so while I can't contribute directly, I'm happy to provide strategic advice based on my experience or recommend specific tools and templates that could streamline your process. If it aligns, we could even schedule a brief debrief once I've cleared my backlog. Your initiative is commendable, and I'm rooting for your success—please keep me updated.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/denying-colleagues-request-for-project-help

Task 7: Climate Change as the Most Urgent Global Crisis

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

From my perspective, climate change represents the most pressing global crisis due to its profound and far-reaching impacts on ecosystems, economies, and human well-being. The increase in greenhouse gases has led to extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and biodiversity loss, threatening food security and public health. Economically, the costs of disaster recovery and adaptation strain governments and vulnerable populations. While other issues like poverty and conflict are critical, climate change exacerbates these problems and demands immediate, coordinated international action. Prioritizing sustainable development and carbon reduction strategies is essential to safeguard our planet's future.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/climate-change-as-the-most-urgent-global-crisis

Task 8: An Escalator Running Diagonally Between Two Buildings

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

I encountered a remarkable escalator installation spanning diagonally between two adjacent buildings, ascending at an oblique angle rather than the typical vertical path. This architectural oddity functions as both a transport device and a striking visual element, linking the structures in a way that challenges conventional design. Its angled trajectory and seamless integration make it a fascinating sight.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/an-escalator-running-diagonally-between-two-buildings

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