

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 42

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	Preparing for Your First Solo Camping Trip	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Volunteering at a Local Food Bank During the Holidays	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Technology Conference	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Gardening	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Renting an Apartment vs. Buying a House	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Explaining to a Teacher Why You Were Absent from Class	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Expanding Nuclear Energy as a Clean Power Source	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Bench Adjusting Its Height When Someone Sits	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

Preparing for Your First Solo Camping Trip

Your friend is planning to go on their first solo camping trip but feels nervous and unsure about how to prepare. They ask you for advice on how to make the experience safe and enjoyable.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Volunteering at a Local Food Bank During the Holidays

Describe your experience volunteering at a local food bank during the holidays. What did you do, and what was the impact?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Technology Conference

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

Gardening

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Renting an Apartment vs. Buying a House

You have recently secured a stable job and must decide whether to rent an apartment or buy a house as your long-term living arrangement.

**Option 1:

- Renting an Apartment
- Lower upfront costs
- Flexible lease terms
- No property maintenance
- Rent can increase over time

**Option 2:

- Buying a House
- Build equity over time
- Stable monthly payments (mortgage)
- Responsible for repairs and upkeep
- Requires large down payment

***Alternative Choice (Your Family Member's Preference):

Buying a house is an investment, gives you more space and freedom to renovate, and provides long-term stability.

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Explaining to a Teacher Why You Were Absent from Class

You missed an important class because you were feeling unwell. Your teacher asks you to explain why you were absent and wants to know if you will be able to catch up. This is a difficult situation because you don't want to make excuses but need to be honest and reassure the teacher.

Choice:

Either

Explain to your teacher why you were absent and how you plan to catch up.

OR

Explain to your teacher why you found it difficult to complete the homework while you were absent.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Expanding Nuclear Energy as a Clean Power Source

Express your opinion on whether nuclear energy should be developed further as a clean source of power. Consider safety, environmental impact, and energy needs in your response.

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Bench Adjusting Its Height When Someone Sits

You notice a bench that automatically adjusts its height to fit the person who sits on it. Describe how this bench works and looks 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: Preparing for Your First Solo Camping Trip

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

Preparing for your first solo camping trip is a big step, but with proper planning, it can be an incredibly rewarding experience. I suggest starting with a comprehensive packing list that covers basics like shelter, food, water, clothing, and safety supplies, including a first aid kit and flashlight. Share your itinerary with a friend or family member and check in when you can. Research the area, including local wildlife and emergency procedures, and be sure to study the weather forecast closely. Practice setting up your tent and using your equipment beforehand, so you're not caught off guard. Lastly, keep your phone charged or bring a backup battery. These steps will help you stay confident, safe, and ready to enjoy your adventure.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/preparing-for-your-first-solo-camping-trip

Task 2: Volunteering at a Local Food Bank During the Holidays

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

During the holiday season, I volunteered several times at a community food bank, helping to sort donations and distribute food to families in need. Many recipients expressed their gratitude, which made me reflect on how important community support is, especially during difficult times. The experience was humbling and rewarding, reminding me to appreciate what I have and to continue giving back whenever I can.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/volunteering-at-a-local-food-bank-during-the-holidays

Task 3: A Technology Conference

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

The scene shows a vibrant technology conference. Many people are seated, watching presentations on large screens. Others are standing and interacting with exhibitors at booths displaying various tech products. The modern and spacious venue creates a lively atmosphere.

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

Task 4: Gardening

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

The image portrays a woman immersed in gardening in her backyard, carefully planting flowers in a bed as her dog enthusiastically digs beside her. Birds fill the air with song from the surrounding trees, basking in the sunshine, while a hose gently waters the lawn. I anticipate she'll persist with her floral arrangement, perhaps smiling at her dog's antics, which will likely continue, adding a playful charm to the sunny afternoon.

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

Task 5: Renting an Apartment vs. Buying a House

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

Although buying a house offers the benefit of long-term stability and is often seen as a smart investment, I believe renting an apartment is the wiser choice for someone at the start of their career. Renting means less financial risk, lower upfront costs, and more flexibility if circumstances change. I don't have to worry about expensive repairs or property taxes. Until I am fully settled, renting provides the freedom and peace of mind I need.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/renting-an-apartment-vs-buying-a-house

Task 6: Explaining to a Teacher Why You Were Absent from Class

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

I'm sorry for my recent absence. I was experiencing health issues that prevented me from attending class, and I wanted to be responsible by avoiding spreading any illness. I've arranged to borrow notes from classmates and will dedicate extra time to complete missed assignments. I appreciate your support and will make sure my progress is not affected.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/explaining-to-a-teacher-why-you-were-absent-from-class

Task 7: Expanding Nuclear Energy as a Clean Power Source

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

I firmly believe that expanding nuclear energy as a clean power source is vital for meeting growing global energy demands while minimizing environmental harm. Nuclear power plants generate immense amounts of electricity with negligible greenhouse gas emissions compared to fossil fuels. Although the risks associated with nuclear accidents and long-term radioactive waste management are significant, advancements in reactor safety and waste disposal technologies mitigate these concerns. Therefore, with rigorous oversight and investment in innovation, nuclear energy can be a cornerstone of a sustainable and low-carbon energy strategy.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/expanding-nuclear-energy-as-a-clean-power-source

Task 8: A Bench Adjusting Its Height When Someone Sits

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

I observed an ingenious bench that dynamically adjusts its height based on the individual who sits on it. Through sensors and mechanical adjustments, the seat elevates or lowers to provide ergonomic support tailored to the user's stature. This adaptive design transforms a simple bench into a personalized seating experience.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-bench-adjusting-its-height-when-someone-sits

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