

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 48

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 the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Participating in Your First Charity Run or Marathon	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	A Science Laboratory	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Soccer Play	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Reading Fiction vs. Non-Fiction Books	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Breaking a Roommate's Kitchen Utensil	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Free Public Transportation in Major Cities	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Clock with Hands Running Backwards	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 the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle

A friend wants to adopt a pet but isn't sure what kind of animal would be best for their busy lifestyle. They ask you for advice.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Participating in Your First Charity Run or Marathon

Describe a time when you participated in your first charity run or marathon. What did you do, and how did it feel?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Science Laboratory

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

Soccer Play

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Reading Fiction vs. Non-Fiction Books

You've decided to start reading regularly to improve your knowledge and relaxation. Should you spend your time reading fiction or non-fiction books?

**Option 1:

- Fiction Books
- Encourage imagination and creativity
- Offer escape from reality
- Can be emotionally engaging
- Not always based on real events

**Option 2:

- Non-Fiction Books
- Provide factual information
- Help build real-world knowledge
- Can be inspiring and educational
- Sometimes less entertaining

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

Non-fiction expands your understanding of the world and offers practical lessons, making it the more valuable choice.

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Breaking a Roommate's Kitchen Utensil

While preparing a meal, you accidentally dropped and broke your roommate's favorite kitchen utensil, which they use often. They're particular about their belongings. You need to confess to avoid tension building up.

Choice:

Either

Talk to your roommate and explain the accident, apologizing and offering to replace it with an identical or better one.

OR

Talk to your roommate and explain why the utensil was fragile, but take responsibility and suggest shopping together for a replacement.

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Free Public Transportation in Major Cities

Share your opinion on whether public transit should be free in all large cities. Consider access, environment, and financial implications.

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Clock with Hands Running Backwards

You see a clock whose hands are moving backwards instead of forwards. Describe this strange clock to someone.

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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 the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle

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

If your schedule is quite busy, it's wise to choose a pet that doesn't require constant attention. Animals like fish, hamsters, or even cats can be more suitable, as they are more independent and don't need to be walked every day. Dogs are wonderful companions, but they require a lot of time and exercise. Consider your living space and how often you're home, and choose a pet whose needs align with your routine. Research different animals and perhaps even volunteer at a shelter to see what pet fits you best.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/choosing-the-right-pet-for-your-lifestyle

Task 2: Participating in Your First Charity Run or Marathon

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

A year ago, I took part in my first 10K charity marathon to support cancer research, a cause close to my heart. I'd never run such a distance, so I committed to three months of training, gradually building my stamina. On race day, the vibrant atmosphere and cheering crowd kept me going, though my legs ached midway. Crossing the finish line, I was overwhelmed with pride and relief, tears in my eyes as I thought of those the funds would help. The experience was transformative—it boosted my confidence, deepened my commitment to fitness, and reinforced the power of community efforts for a meaningful cause.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/participating-in-your-first-charity-run-or-marathon

Task 3: A Science Laboratory

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

This dynamic science laboratory scene portrays the cutting-edge world of research and innovation. Researchers, dressed in lab coats, engage in experiments and data analysis, surrounded by shelves of scientific equipment and instruments. The well-lit lab fosters a focused, high-energy atmosphere, where new discoveries are constantly unfolding.

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

Task 4: Soccer Play

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

The image captures a boy in action on a soccer field, powerfully kicking the ball toward the goal as his peers cheer enthusiastically from the sidelines. The vibrant green grass sways in the wind under a sky dotted with clouds. I foresee him successfully scoring, igniting a wave of jubilant shouts from the onlookers, their energy amplified by the breezy, spirited afternoon.

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

Task 5: Reading Fiction vs. Non-Fiction Books

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

Although non-fiction books undeniably broaden your perspective and impart valuable lessons, I strongly believe fiction offers unique benefits. Fiction not only sparks creativity but also develops empathy by immersing readers in diverse lives and experiences. The escapism and emotional depth found in well-written stories often make them more compelling and memorable. For cultivating both imagination and relaxation, fiction surpasses non-fiction, especially for daily reading.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/reading-fiction-vs-non-fiction-books

Task 6: Breaking a Roommate's Kitchen Utensil

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

I feel terrible and wanted to address this immediately—during my cooking session earlier, I inadvertently dropped and shattered your cherished wooden spoon, likely due to its well-worn state, but entirely my fault for not being more attentive. Understanding how integral it is to your routine, I extend my deepest apologies for the inconvenience and any sentimental loss. As restitution, I'm committed to sourcing an exact match or a superior alternative, perhaps with enhanced durability, and would love your input on preferences to personalize it. If you're up for it, we could even browse options together online this evening, reinforcing our mutual respect in the household.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/breaking-a-roommates-kitchen-utensil

Task 7: Free Public Transportation in Major Cities

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

From my perspective, providing free public transportation in all major cities offers substantial social and environmental benefits by promoting equitable access and reducing reliance on personal vehicles. This could decrease urban congestion and lower carbon emissions, contributing to sustainable city development. Nevertheless, financing such initiatives without fare revenue presents significant fiscal challenges, necessitating innovative funding models and efficient management to maintain service quality. Ultimately, free transit could transform urban mobility if implemented alongside comprehensive policy planning.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/free-public-transportation-in-major-cities

Task 8: A Clock with Hands Running Backwards

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

The clock presents a curious reversal of time, with its hands rotating counterclockwise instead of the conventional clockwise motion. This peculiar mechanism challenges the normal perception of time's progression, creating a visually intriguing and thought-provoking display.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-clock-with-hands-running-backwards

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