

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 8

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	Growing Herbs and Vegetables on a Balcony	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	Missing Train Connection	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	Café Tables Beside Rain-Streaked Windows	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Cozy coffee shop	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	Community Fitness Program	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Children's Birthday Party Entertainment Change	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Anonymous Online Comments	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	A Strange Noise in the House	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

Growing Herbs and Vegetables on a Balcony

Your friend Elena has a small, sunny balcony in her Toronto apartment, and she would like to grow some of her own herbs and vegetables this spring. However, she has never kept a plant alive for very long, and she doesn't know which plants are easy or how to look after them. Advise Elena on how she can start her balcony garden.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Missing Train Connection

Tell me about a time you missed a train connection. How did you handle the situation?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Café Tables Beside Rain-Streaked Windows

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

Cozy coffee shop

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Community Fitness Program

Your city is planning to launch a new fitness program. Two different types of fitness programs are being considered. You need to choose which one would be the best fit for the community. After making your choice, you'll persuade others why your choice is the better option.

Option 1: Outdoor Group Fitness Classes

- Classes held in parks and open spaces
- Free for residents, available year-round
- Led by professional fitness instructors
- Focuses on group workouts like yoga, pilates, and circuit training
- Estimated cost: \$10,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 1 month

Option 2: Indoor Fitness Center

- Located in a gym with equipment like treadmills, weights, and machines
- Membership required, monthly fee applies
- Offers personalized training and fitness programs
- Available year-round in a controlled, air-conditioned environment
- Estimated cost: \$20,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 months

Your Supervisor's Choice:

A series of online fitness videos

Free to access, available anytime

No personal interaction with trainers

Limited motivation and accountability

Estimated cost: \$5,000 for setup

Expected completion time: 1 week

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Children's Birthday Party Entertainment Change

The entertainment for your child's birthday party has fallen through, and you need to come up with a last-minute solution.

Choose ONE: EITHER Talk to your partner and explain why you think you should handle the entertainment change yourself.

OR Talk to a family member and explain why you think you should ask for their help with the entertainment issue.

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Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Anonymous Online Comments

Do you think people should be allowed to post anonymous comments online? Why or why not?

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A Strange Noise in the House

You're at home when you hear a strange noise coming from the basement. Describe what you heard and what you did.

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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: Growing Herbs and Vegetables on a Balcony

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

Elena, I think this is a great project, and honestly, with a sunny balcony, you've already got the hardest part sorted.

Since you're new to this, start with plants that are really forgiving. Basil, chives and cherry tomatoes all love sun and grow quickly, which is very motivating. Mint is almost impossible to kill, but give it its own pot, or it'll take over everything.

I'd skip seeds this first year and buy young plants from a garden centre. You'll see results much faster.

Good pots matter, too. They need drainage holes, otherwise the roots sit in water and rot, which is one of the most common reasons plants die.

As for watering, there's an easy test: push a finger into the soil, and if it's dry up to your first knuckle, give it a good drink. In a heat wave, that could be daily.

Just don't plant before the end of May. Toronto can still get frost. Keep it to five or six pots, and you'll be picking tomatoes by August.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/starting-a-small-garden-at-home

Task 2: Missing Train Connection

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

I was traveling on a business trip when I missed my connecting train. It was a stressful situation because I had an important meeting. I quickly contacted the office and rescheduled the meeting. I also found another route to reach my destination, but I used the extra time to reflect on the importance of planning ahead. It was an eye-opening experience, and I learned to be more flexible in dealing with travel disruptions.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/missing-train-connection

Task 3: Café Tables Beside Rain-Streaked Windows

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

This is a warm, dimly lit café, and judging by the windows, it's pouring rain outside. In the foreground, two women are sitting at a wooden table with their backs to us. The one on the left has long brown hair and a grey striped sweater, and she's leaning on the table with two paper cups in front of her. Across from her, a woman with a blonde ponytail and a cream shirt has a single takeout cup with a lid. They seem to be gazing toward the other customers. Further back, the café is fairly full: there's a man in a baseball cap and a grey hoodie, a woman dressed in black, and a man with glasses in a dark jacket, all seated at tables. The whole right side is taken up by tall windows streaked with raindrops, with blurry lights glowing outside. In the top left corner, a pendant lamp gives off a soft golden light, and there's a leafy plant beside it.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-3-describing-a-scene/samples/a-coffee-shop-on-a-rainy-day

Task 4: Cozy coffee shop

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

Looking at this cozy coffee shop scene, I can anticipate that the rain will bring more customers inside, seeking warmth and comfort. The people currently sitting by the window may soon switch places with newcomers, as those on the laptops or reading books will likely remain absorbed in their tasks. The barista, busy behind the counter, will keep preparing drinks for the growing crowd of people seeking refuge from the rain. As the storm intensifies outside, I predict that the couple by the window will stay and enjoy their drinks, perhaps engaging in more conversation. The soft lighting inside will create a welcoming ambiance, drawing more people in as they escape the chilly weather outside, while the rain creates a perfect soundtrack to the cozy atmosphere.

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

Task 5: Community Fitness Program

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

While the online fitness videos and the Indoor Fitness Center both have their merits, I firmly believe the Outdoor Group Fitness Classes would be the best choice for the community. The biggest advantage of the outdoor classes is that they are free, which makes them accessible to a larger number of residents. The classes are held in parks, which offer a refreshing environment for participants to enjoy while exercising. The professional trainers leading these classes will ensure that people are learning proper techniques and staying motivated. In contrast, the Indoor Fitness Center, while offering more equipment, has a membership fee, which could discourage some people from joining. Furthermore, the online videos, although convenient, lack the personal interaction and motivation of group sessions. Given the affordability, accessibility, and engaging nature of the outdoor classes, I'm confident this is the best choice for the community.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/community-fitness-program

Task 6: Children's Birthday Party Entertainment Change

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

Unfortunately, the original entertainment for the party fell through, and I realize we need a quick fix. I'll talk to my partner and explain that I'll take charge of the situation. However, I might also reach out to a family member to get some suggestions or extra hands. I want to make sure we can still provide a fun and memorable experience for the kids, so I'll work on finding something enjoyable that fits the budget and timeline.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/childrens-birthday-party-entertainment-change

Task 7: Anonymous Online Comments

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

I believe that while anonymous online comments should be allowed to some extent, there must be safeguards in place to prevent misuse. Firstly, anonymity allows people to voice their opinions freely without fear of personal retribution, which is especially important for those in vulnerable situations or those discussing sensitive topics. However, anonymity also creates a breeding ground for negative behaviors such as cyberbullying and trolling, where individuals feel no accountability for their actions. This can damage the mental health of others and create a toxic online environment. Therefore, while anonymity can be a tool for free speech, it should be regulated. Websites should monitor comments for harmful content and ensure that users are not using anonymity to harm others. In conclusion, the freedom to comment anonymously should be protected, but it must come with responsibility to prevent harm.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/anonymous-online-comments

Task 8: A Strange Noise in the House

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

Hi, I'm at home, and I just heard this unsettling noise coming from the basement. It was kind of a loud thud, almost like something heavy had fallen over, followed by a few scraping sounds. It definitely caught my attention because it sounded out of place. I'm a little concerned, so I'm trying to decide whether I should go downstairs to investigate or call someone for help. Have you ever experienced something like this at home? It's definitely making me uneasy.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/a-strange-noise-in-the-house

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