

CELPIP Speaking Practice Test 9

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	Getting Started with Photography Lessons	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience	A First Time Gardening Experience	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 3: Describing a Scene	Hands Up During a Class Lesson	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 4: Making Predictions	Birthday Celebration	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 5: Comparing and Persuading	New Public Park Design	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation	Shared Laundry Room Scheduling	Preparation: 60 seconds Speaking: 60 seconds
Task 7: Expressing Opinions	Zero-Waste Grocery Stores	Preparation: 30 seconds Speaking: 90 seconds
Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation	Unusual Flower Arrangement	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

Getting Started with Photography Lessons

Your friend Aisha in Edmonton has wanted to learn photography for years, but she has never taken a course. She believes she would need to buy an expensive camera first, and she is not sure whether she should sign up for an online course or a class at a community centre. Advise Aisha on how she can start learning photography.

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Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

A First Time Gardening Experience

Tell me about your first time gardening. What did you plant, how did it go, and how did this experience make you feel?

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Task 3: Describing a Scene

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Hands Up During a Class Lesson

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

Birthday Celebration

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



Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

New Public Park Design

Your city is planning to redesign a public park. You've been given two design options. You need to decide which one is best for the community. After making your choice, you will persuade your city council why your choice is the better option.

Option 1: Eco-Friendly Park Design

- Focus on sustainability with a community garden, solar-powered lights, and rainwater harvesting
- Features walking trails, picnic areas, and space for outdoor fitness activities
- Uses recycled materials in the design
- Estimated cost: \$50,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 3 months

Option 2: Adventure Park Design

- Includes playgrounds, zip lines, climbing walls, and water slides
- Designed to attract families with children and thrill-seekers
- Offers recreational activities for all age groups
- Estimated cost: \$75,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 4 months

Your City Council's Choice:

- Traditional park with open lawns and a few benches
- Simple design with no special features
- Cost-effective and quick to build
- Estimated cost: \$30,000 for setup
- Expected completion time: 2 months

Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Preparation: 60 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Shared Laundry Room Scheduling

You live in a building with shared laundry facilities, and there have been conflicts about scheduling usage times.

Choose ONE: EITHER Talk to a neighbor and explain why you think it would be best to set up a more organized laundry schedule.

OR Talk to the building management and explain why the current laundry schedule needs to be addressed.

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Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 90 seconds

Zero-Waste Grocery Stores

Do you think zero-waste grocery stores are a good idea? Why or why not?

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Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Preparation: 30 seconds · Speaking: 60 seconds

Unusual Flower Arrangement

You are at a friend's house and notice a very unusual flower arrangement. Describe what it looks like and explain why it stands out.



Sample answers

One strong answer for each task. Use them for ideas, structure and vocabulary, not to memorise: examiners notice memorised answers.

Task 1: Getting Started with Photography Lessons

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

Aisha, I'm so glad you're finally doing this. And honestly, you can stop worrying about the camera, because the phone in your pocket is more than enough to start.

What makes a photo good isn't really the equipment. It's things like light, composition and timing, and you can learn all of those with a phone. If you're still hooked after a few months, look for a second-hand camera on Kijiji, or rent one for a weekend to see what you like.

As for the class, if I were you, I'd start in person. The community centre courses usually include photo walks, and having a teacher look at your shots and say, "Try getting lower," is so much more useful than a video. Once you know the basics, online courses are great for specific skills, like editing.

In the meantime, try a little challenge: one photo a day for thirty days.

Actually, why don't we do a photo walk in the river valley this weekend?

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-1-giving-advice/samples/taking-a-photography-class

Task 2: A First Time Gardening Experience

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

My first gardening experience was a mix of trial and error, but it's a memory I cherish.

I decided to start a small herb garden on my balcony, planting basil, mint, and rosemary, because I wanted to use fresh herbs in my cooking.

I had no idea what I was doing at first—I overwatered the plants and didn't give them enough sunlight.

After some research and adjustments, the herbs finally started to thrive, and I'll never forget the moment I picked my first sprig of basil to add to a pasta dish.

I felt a deep sense of satisfaction and connection to nature, and it sparked a lifelong love for gardening that continues to bring me joy and peace.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-2-personal-experience/samples/a-first-time-gardening-experience

Task 3: Hands Up During a Class Lesson

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

This is a classroom in the middle of a lesson, and the desks are arranged in a kind of U-shape around the teacher. She's standing right in the centre, a woman with short grey hair in a navy blazer, a crisp white shirt and navy trousers, with her hands clasped in front of her as if she's waiting for an answer. On the left, a young man in a blue sweater has his hand up, and another student just behind him is reaching up high too. In the foreground, a woman with long brown hair and a pink sweater is sitting with her back to us, facing the teacher. Over on the right, a student with a ponytail is leaning forward over her desk, and the others, in a navy hoodie, a white T-shirt and a teal shirt, are listening closely. The desks are covered with stacks of colourful notebooks and loose papers, and behind everything is a big whiteboard with faint writing on it.

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

Task 4: Birthday Celebration

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

In this heartwarming family scene, I predict that the moment the birthday child blows out the candles, the room will erupt in cheers, and the family will gather around to sing a joyful birthday song. After the cake is served, the family will likely engage in a round of gift-giving, with the birthday child opening presents while the rest of the family enjoys the cake and shares memories. The atmosphere, filled with love and celebration, will probably shift to relaxed moments of conversation and laughter. The sunny weather outside hints that they may continue the festivities outdoors or take a group photo to mark the special occasion.

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

Task 5: New Public Park Design

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

While I understand the appeal of the Adventure Park, I am confident that the Eco-Friendly Park Design is the better choice for our community. The Eco-Friendly design offers numerous long-term benefits, including sustainability, energy efficiency with solar-powered lights, and community involvement through gardening. It aligns with our city's goals of promoting environmental awareness. On the other hand, while the Adventure Park offers exciting activities, its higher cost and maintenance requirements would place a significant strain on the budget. The Traditional Park, although cost-effective, lacks the modern features that would engage the community. Given the rising demand for eco-conscious initiatives, the Eco-Friendly Park Design is the best investment for the future.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-5-comparing-and-persuading/samples/new-public-park-design

Task 6: Shared Laundry Room Scheduling

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

Given the ongoing issues with the shared laundry room scheduling, I believe it's time to implement a more structured system. I will speak with the building management and explain how the current situation is causing inconvenience for everyone. I'll propose a solution where each resident is assigned a designated time slot, ensuring fairness and reducing the chances of conflicts. I'm confident they will understand the need for this adjustment and take action to resolve the issue.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-6-difficult-situation/samples/shared-laundry-room-scheduling

Task 7: Zero-Waste Grocery Stores

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

I strongly believe that zero-waste grocery stores are a fantastic initiative and should be promoted more widely. First, these stores significantly reduce the environmental impact of plastic waste, which is one of the largest contributors to pollution. By eliminating plastic packaging, they make a substantial contribution to sustainability. Second, zero-waste stores encourage consumers to adopt more mindful purchasing habits, which can have long-term benefits for both the individual and the environment. This shift towards reusable containers and bulk buying reduces unnecessary packaging waste. Finally, these stores can act as community hubs that promote sustainable lifestyles and educate people about environmental issues. In conclusion, zero-waste grocery stores are an essential step toward a more sustainable future, and I believe they should be encouraged and expanded.

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-7-expressing-opinions/samples/zero-waste-grocery-stores

Task 8: Unusual Flower Arrangement

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

Hi, I'm at my friend's place, and I've just come across this incredibly unusual flower arrangement. The flowers are massive and come in a wide spectrum of colors, from deep reds to vibrant yellows. What really makes it stand out is the arrangement itself – the flowers are positioned in such an abstract way, almost as though they're intertwined with each other. It's definitely a bold, unconventional design that I've never seen before. It's fascinating to look at. Have you ever come across something like this?

Basic and good answers for this task: celpass.com/celpip/speaking/task-8-unusual-situation/samples/unusual-flower-arrangement

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