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CELPIP Reading Practice Test with Answers

All 4 parts, 38 questions, with an answer key that explains every answer



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How to use this practice test

- The CELPIP Reading test has 4 parts and 38 scored questions. On test day the whole section takes about 43 to 56 minutes.
- Every correct answer is worth 1 point, and a wrong answer costs nothing. Answer every question, even if you have to guess.
- Time yourself. Aim for about 11 minutes on Part 1, 9 on Part 2, 10 on Part 3 and 13 on Part 4.
- Write your answers on a separate sheet, then check them with the answer key at the end.

All passages and questions in this PDF were written by CELTESTPIP for practice. The people, places and prices are invented.

Part 1: Reading Correspondence

11 questions, about 11 minutes

Read the following email. Then answer questions 1 to 6.

Email

Hi Lena,

I hope your tomatoes survived last week's hailstorm. Mine did not, so I am starting over with peppers.

I am writing because the garden committee met on Tuesday, and a few changes will affect your plot next season. The city has asked us to move the compost bins away from the fence along Elm Street, because neighbours have complained about the smell in hot weather. The only space large enough is the corner where plots 14 and 15 are now, and plot 14 is yours. I know you have put a lot of work into that soil, so I wanted to tell you before the official letter goes out.

We can offer you plot 22, near the tool shed. It gets about two more hours of sun each day. The committee will also move your raised bed for you: Sam has a truck and has offered to do it on the first Saturday in April. If you would rather keep a plot close to the entrance because of your knee, plot 9 will be available as well, although it is in shade for most of the afternoon.

Could you let me know which plot you prefer by March 15? After that date, we will start offering the available plots to people on the waiting list, which is longer than ever this year.

Also, the committee voted to raise the yearly fee from \$40 to \$45 to pay for the new water meter. I argued for keeping it at \$40 for seniors, and the committee agreed, so the change will not affect your mother's plot.

Thanks for understanding,

Marcus

1. Why is Marcus writing to Lena?

- a) to tell her about the damage from a storm
- b) to ask her to join the garden committee
- c) to tell her early about a change to her plot
- d) to complain about the smell of her compost

2. Why are the compost bins being moved?

- a) They are too close to the tool shed.
- b) People living nearby complained about them.
- c) The city needs the space for new plots.
- d) The fence along Elm Street is being replaced.

3. What is one advantage of plot 22?

- a) It is close to the entrance.
- b) It has better soil than plot 14.
- c) It gets more sunlight.
- d) Sam already uses it.

4. Why might Lena choose plot 9?

- a) It gets more sun than plot 22.
- b) It would be easier for her to walk to.
- c) Sam can move her raised bed there sooner.
- d) It costs less than the other plots.

5. What could happen if Lena does not reply by March 15?

- a) She will be added to the waiting list.
- b) She may lose the chance to choose one of the available plots.
- c) She will be given plot 22 automatically.
- d) She will have to pay a higher fee.

6. Who will keep paying \$40 a year?

- a) committee members
- b) people on the waiting list
- c) seniors
- d) everyone who moves to a new plot

Read the reply to Marcus's email. Choose the best option for each blank (questions 7 to 11).

Reply

Hi Marcus,

Thanks for the early warning. I am sad to leave plot 14, but I understand why the city wants the **(7)** _____ moved. I have decided to take plot **(8)** _____. My knee is much better since the surgery, and my peppers will love the extra **(9)** _____. Please thank Sam for offering to move my raised bed. The first Saturday in **(10)** _____ works well for me. And thank you for speaking up for the seniors. My **(11)** _____ will be very happy to hear that her fee is staying the same.

Lena

7. a) bins b) fence c) shed d) plots

8. a) 9 b) 14 c) 15 d) 22

9. a) shade b) water c) sun d) soil

10. a) March b) April c) May d) June

11. a) neighbour b) mother c) sister d) friend

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

8 questions, about 9 minutes

Read the following information from a community centre website.

Maple Ridge Community Centre: Fall Swimming Lessons

Class	Ages	Day and time	Length of each class	Price (members / non-members)
Splash Starters	3 to 5	Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	30 minutes	\$60 / \$75
Junior Swimmers	6 to 9	Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 p.m.	45 minutes	\$95 / \$115
Stroke Builders	10 to 13	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	60 minutes	\$80 / \$100
Adult Learn to Swim	16 and over	Monday, 7:30 p.m.	45 minutes	\$85 / \$105

- All classes run for 8 weeks, starting September 15.
- Members can register from August 25. Non-members can register from September 1.
- Families save \$10 on each additional child's class.

Read the email below. Choose the best option for each blank (questions 1 to 5).

Email

Hi Olivia,

I just looked at the fall swimming lessons at Maple Ridge. Your son Leo is 7, so he would be in **(1)** _____. The only problem is that the class meets twice a week, on **(2)** _____ afternoons, and you work late on Tuesdays, so you might need help with pickups. My daughter Mia is 11, so she will be in Stroke Builders, which is a full **(3)** _____ long. We are members, so Mia's class costs **(4)** _____. If you are not a member yet, remember that you can only sign up from **(5)** _____.

I am also thinking of joining the adult class myself. Getting home from work by 7:30 on Mondays will be tight, but I have always been embarrassed that I can't swim. Maybe we could share the driving for the kids? I would be happy to do the Tuesday pickups.

Hana

1. a) Splash Starters b) Junior Swimmers c) Stroke Builders d) Adult Learn to Swim
2. a) Monday and Wednesday b) Tuesday and Thursday c) Saturday d) Wednesday
3. a) half hour b) 45 minutes c) hour d) week
4. a) \$80 b) \$95 c) \$100 d) \$60
5. a) August 25 b) September 1 c) September 15 d) Monday

Answer questions 6 to 8.

6. Why does Hana mention that Olivia works late on Tuesdays?

- a) Leo's class is on Tuesday afternoons.
- b) The adult class is on Tuesday evenings.
- c) Olivia wants to take the adult class.
- d) Mia's class is on Tuesdays.

7. What do we learn about Hana?

- a) She is a strong swimmer.
- b) She does not know how to swim.
- c) She is not a member of the centre.
- d) She wants Olivia to take the adult class with her.

8. Olivia is not a member. She signs up Leo first, and then his sister Ella, who is 4. How much will Ella's class cost?

- a) \$60
- b) \$65
- c) \$75
- d) \$85

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Part 3: Reading for Information

9 questions, about 10 minutes

Read the following passage.

Passage

Westbrook Plants a Forest the Size of a Tennis Court

A. A “tiny forest” is exactly what it sounds like: a small area, often about the size of a tennis court, planted with young trees and shrubs. What makes it different from an ordinary planting is how close together everything goes. Gardeners put three to five seedlings in every square metre and use only species that grow naturally in the area. Because the young plants compete for light, they grow upward quickly. For the first two or three years the forest needs watering and weeding, but after that it is expected to look after itself.

B. Westbrook planted its first tiny forest in the spring of 2023, on an empty lot beside Hillcrest Elementary School. Over one weekend, about 80 volunteers planted 1,000 seedlings of 25 different species. Today, the forest is part of the school’s science program. Every spring, Grade 5 students measure the trees, record the results in a shared notebook and compare them with the year before. The tallest trees are now well above the students’ heads.

C. People who live nearby say they have noticed a difference. On hot afternoons, the air near the forest feels cooler than on the open street. During heavy rain, the soil soaks up water that used to run down Hillcrest Road and flood the corner by the bus stop. Birds that had not been seen in the neighbourhood for years have returned. Several residents also say they simply like walking past it: in a busy part of town, it has become a quiet place to stop for a few minutes.

D. Not everyone is convinced. Some foresters say that the fast growth of tiny forests is often exaggerated, and that many of the closely planted seedlings will die as the stronger ones take over. Supporters reply that this is part of the plan. A more serious complaint came from a group of residents who argued that the money would be better spent caring for the city’s existing street trees, many of which are old and damaged. Westbrook’s council has answered both sides: it plans to plant two more tiny forests next year, but it has also increased the budget for street tree care.

Decide which paragraph, A to D, has the information given in each statement below. If the information is not given in any of the paragraphs, choose E.

1. Students keep track of how the trees are growing.

2. Some experts doubt how quickly these forests really grow.
3. After a few years, a tiny forest should not need care.
4. The forest helps stop water from flooding a nearby street.
5. Most of the volunteers were parents of students.
6. Only plants that grow naturally in the region are used.
7. The city will spend more on looking after trees along its streets.
8. Some neighbours value the forest as a calm place.
9. A tiny forest costs less to plant than a regular park.

(Options for every statement: A, B, C, D, E = not given in any paragraph)

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

10 questions, about 13 minutes

Read the following article from a local newspaper. Then answer questions 1 to 5.

Article

Should Oakview Silence Its Leaf Blowers?

Every fall, the same sound returns to Oakview: the roar of leaf blowers. City councillor Dana Whitfield wants to change that. Her proposal would ban gas-powered leaf blowers in residential areas starting in 2028. Battery-powered blowers, which are quieter, would still be allowed.

Whitfield says noise complaints have doubled since more people started working from home. "When your office is your kitchen table, a blower next door at eight in the morning is not a small thing," she told council last week.

Not everyone agrees. Rosa Delgado, who runs a landscaping company with twelve employees, says the change would cost her business about \$30,000 in new equipment. "Battery blowers are fine for a small yard," she says, "but my crews work eight hours straight. We would need three or four batteries for every worker." She would support the ban, she says, if the city helped businesses pay for the new machines.

Gary Ng, president of the Oakview Homeowners' Association, is worried about older residents. Many of them, he says, cannot rake large lawns and depend on a blower or on hiring a company. If companies raise their prices to cover new equipment, those residents will pay more.

Whitfield's answer is a rebate: the city would pay back up to 50 percent of the cost of a battery blower, for both businesses and residents. She also points out that the ban would not begin for more than a year, which gives companies time to plan.

In my view, the councillor is right about the problem but too quick with the solution. A rebate is a good start, but Delgado's numbers show that paying half the cost is still a heavy load for a small company. The city should first limit the hours when gas blowers can be used, for example not before 9 a.m. and not on Sundays, and bring in the full ban only once the rebate has been tested. Quiet mornings are worth fighting for, but not at the cost of local businesses.

1. Why does Whitfield think the noise is a bigger problem now?

- a) More people own gas blowers.

- b) More people work at home.
- c) Companies start work earlier.
- d) Blowers are louder than they used to be.

2. What would make Delgado accept the ban?

- a) a later start date
- b) permission to use gas blowers on large yards
- c) help paying for new equipment
- d) shorter working days for her crews

3. What is Ng's main concern?

- a) the noise from blowers
- b) higher costs for older homeowners
- c) the safety of batteries
- d) the size of the rebate

4. Why does Whitfield think the start date is fair to businesses?

- a) It gives them time to prepare.
- b) It comes at the end of the leaf season.
- c) Battery blowers will be cheaper by then.
- d) Most companies already own battery blowers.

5. What does the writer suggest?

- a) The city should drop the proposal.
- b) The city should ban all blowers right away.
- c) The city should start by limiting when gas blowers can be used.
- d) The city should pay the full cost of battery blowers.

Read the following comment by a reader. Choose the best option for each blank (questions 6 to 10).

Reader comment

I agree with the writer that the city should start by limiting the **(6)** _____ when gas blowers can be used. Councillor Whitfield's **(7)** _____ is a nice idea, but as Ms. Delgado explains, paying **(8)** _____ of the cost is still too much for a small business. Mr. Ng is also right that **(9)** _____ residents could end up paying more. Still, I hope the full ban arrives in **(10)** _____, as planned. My mornings deserve some peace.

6. a) places b) hours c) prices d) sizes

7. a) rebate b) company c) speech d) lawn

8. a) all b) half c) a quarter d) none

9. a) younger b) older c) new d) working

10. a) 2026 b) 2027 c) 2028 d) 2030

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Answers and why they are right

Part 1

1. c) Marcus says he wants to tell Lena “before the official letter goes out”, so he is warning her early.
2. b) The neighbours complained about the smell in hot weather.
3. c) Plot 22 “gets about two more hours of sun each day”.
4. b) Plot 9 is close to the entrance, which helps with her knee.
5. b) After March 15 the available plots go to people on the waiting list.
6. c) The committee agreed to keep the fee at \$40 for seniors.
7. a) The city wants the compost bins moved.
8. d) She mentions extra sun and her knee being better, so she takes plot 22, not plot 9.
9. c) Plot 22 gets more sun.
10. b) Sam offered the first Saturday in April.
11. b) Marcus said the change will not affect her mother’s plot.

Part 2

1. b) Junior Swimmers is for ages 6 to 9.
2. b) Junior Swimmers meets on Tuesday and Thursday.
3. c) Stroke Builders classes are 60 minutes, a full hour.
4. a) The member price for Stroke Builders is \$80.
5. b) Non-members can register from September 1.
6. a) Leo’s class starts at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, when Olivia is still at work.
7. b) Hana says she is embarrassed that she can’t swim.
8. b) Splash Starters costs \$75 for non-members, minus \$10 for an additional child: \$65.

Part 3

1. B (Grade 5 students measure the trees every spring.)
2. D (Some foresters say the fast growth is exaggerated.)
3. A (After two or three years the forest should look after itself.)
4. C (The soil soaks up water that used to flood the corner of Hillcrest Road.)
5. E (The passage says about 80 volunteers planted the forest, but never says who they were.)
6. A (Only species that grow naturally in the area.)
7. D (The council increased the budget for street tree care.)
8. C (Residents say it has become a quiet place to stop.)
9. E (The passage never compares the cost with a park.)

Part 4

1. b) Complaints doubled since more people started working from home.
2. c) She would support the ban if the city helped pay for new machines.
3. b) Older residents could pay more if companies raise prices.
4. a) The ban begins in more than a year, so companies have time to plan.
5. c) The writer wants limits on hours first and the full ban later.
6. b) The writer suggests limiting the hours.
7. a) Whitfield's answer is a rebate.
8. b) The rebate covers up to 50 percent, so businesses still pay half.
9. b) Ng is worried about older residents.
10. c) The proposed ban starts in 2028.

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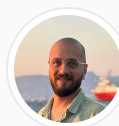
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