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CELPIP Test Format 2026: Cheat Sheet

Every part and task of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, with question counts, times and a free practice link for each



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CELPIP-General · 4 sections in one sitting · about 3 hours · in this order: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking. Every skill gets its own level from 0 to 12. From level 3 up, the CELPIP level is the same as the CLB level.

Listening · 6 parts · 38 questions · 46 to 55 minutes

Part	Questions	About
Practice task (not scored)	1	1 min
1 Listening to Problem Solving	**8**	**8 min**
2 Listening to a Daily Life Conversation	**5**	**5 min**
3 Listening for Information	**6**	**6 min**
4 Listening to a News Item	**5**	**5 min**
5 Listening to a Discussion	**8**	**9 min**
6 Listening for Viewpoints	**6**	**8 min**

Each recording plays once.

Reading · 4 parts · 38 questions · 43 to 56 minutes

Part	Questions	About
1 Reading Correspondence	**11**	**11 min**
2 Reading to Apply a Diagram	**8**	**9 min**
3 Reading for Information	**9**	**10 min**
4 Reading for Viewpoints	**10**	**13 min**

Writing · 2 tasks · 53 minutes

Task	Time	Length
1 Writing an Email	27 min	150 to 200 words
2 Responding to Survey Questions	26 min	150 to 200 words

Rated on Content/Coherence, Vocabulary, Readability and Task Fulfillment.

Speaking · 8 tasks · about 15 minutes

Task	Prepare	Speak
1 Giving Advice	30 s	**90 s**
2 Talking about a Personal Experience	30 s	**60 s**
3 Describing a Scene	30 s	**60 s**
4 Making Predictions	30 s	**60 s**
5 Comparing and Persuading	60 s to choose, then 60 s	**60 s**
6 Dealing with a Difficult Situation	60 s	**60 s**
7 Expressing Opinions	30 s	**90 s**
8 Describing an Unusual Situation	30 s	**60 s**

Rated on Content/Coherence, Vocabulary, Listenability and Task Fulfillment.

Good to know

- **Listening and Reading:** every correct answer is 1 point, and a wrong answer costs nothing. Answer every question.
- **Part times are approximate.** A test may also include extra unscored questions, and you cannot tell which ones they are, so answer every one as if it counts.
- **Writing and Speaking** are rated by trained raters against the four areas under each table.

Practise every part free: click any part or task name above for its free practice set on CELTESTPIP (sign up free). Full guide with tips for every part: celtestpip.com/learn/celpip-test-format-complete-guide

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