# CELPIP Speaking Vocabulary Booster

For CLB 5 to CLB 7 goals

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## How to Use This Guide

This workbook helps you prepare for CELPIP Speaking. It is designed for learners aiming for CLB 5 or CLB 7.

Each topic gives you two word lists, example sentences, useful connectors, and a real CELPIP‑style speaking task.

Practice routine: choose a topic, read the words, say the examples, then record a 60‑second answer using 2 or 3 new words and at least one connector.

## Important Notes

Speak naturally and spontaneously. Do not memorize full answers.

Vocabulary alone does not guarantee your score. CELPIP speaking is evaluated in four areas:

1) Task Fulfillment: you answer the question fully and clearly.

2) Coherence and Organization: your ideas are connected and easy to follow.

3) Vocabulary: your words are accurate, appropriate, and varied.

4) Listenability: your pace, pronunciation, and grammar are clear.

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## About Your Teacher

I am Masha, a CELPIP‑certified instructor based in Vancouver, Canada. I help newcomers get the score they need and feel confident in daily life and work.

Why students choose Masha:

- Results focus: lessons built around CELPIP tasks and your goals.

- Ethical and practical: no scripts; real speaking practice that matches the scoring criteria.

- Social proof: 5‑Star Super Tutor on Preply with many positive reviews.

- Bilingual support: I speak Ukrainian and Russian and understand your journey.

- Workplace skills: Cambridge Business English for interviews and communication.

## Topic 1: Health and Appointments

Talk about feeling unwell, visiting doctors, and booking or changing appointments.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| doctor: a medical professional you visit when you are sick | specialist: a doctor who focuses on one area such as skin or heart |
| medicine: something you take to help you feel better | prescription: medicine that a doctor tells you to take |
| appointment: a fixed time to see a doctor | cancellation list: a list for earlier times if someone cancels |
| pain: a bad feeling in your body | symptom: a sign that something is wrong, such as fever or cough |
| sick: not feeling well | referral: a note that sends you from one doctor to another |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I want to see a doctor because I feel sick.

CLB 7: I would like to reschedule my appointment. I have been experiencing symptoms and may need a referral to a specialist.

Useful Connectors

- because: I stayed home because I felt weak.

- since: Since I felt worse, I called the clinic.

- however: I felt sick; however, I still went to work.

- so: I felt sick, so I made an appointment.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 1

Your friend has been unwell for a few days but does not want to see a doctor. What advice would you give and why?

## Topic 2: Housing and Renting

Describe your home, speak to a landlord, and plan a move.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| apartment: a home in a building | unit: another word for an apartment in a building |
| rent: money you pay to live in a home | lease: a rental contract with rules and dates |
| key: a small object to open a door | deposit: money the landlord keeps for possible damage |
| neighbour: a person who lives near you | landlord: a person who owns the rental home |
| move: change to a different home | inspect: check the condition of a place carefully |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I live in a small apartment and pay rent every month.

CLB 7: We plan to terminate our lease and relocate to a quieter area after we inspect a new unit.

Useful Connectors

- however: The unit is bright; however, the street is noisy.

- therefore: The rent is high; therefore, we will move.

- in addition: The building is clean; in addition, it is close to transit.

- for example: The kitchen is big, for example it has two windows.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 4

You and a friend are choosing between a house and an apartment. Compare the two and explain which you prefer.

## Topic 3: Shopping and Complaints

Explain what you bought, return items, or report a problem to customer service.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| buy: get something by paying for it | purchase: a more formal word for buy |
| want: wish to have something | request: ask politely or formally for something |
| bring back: take an item back to the store | return: give an item back to the store officially |
| pay: give money for something | refund: money that the store gives back to you |
| ask: say something to get information | complain: tell the store that something is wrong |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I want to return this item because it is broken.

CLB 7: I would like to request a refund. The item arrived damaged and unusable.

Useful Connectors

- since: Since the item is damaged, I am asking for a refund.

- therefore: It does not work; therefore, I cannot use it.

- however: I liked the design; however, the size is wrong.

- in addition: It arrived late; in addition, the box was open.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 6

You bought something online and it arrived damaged. Explain the problem and ask for a solution.

## Topic 4: Transportation and Driving

Talk about using transit, driving, and arriving on time.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| bus: a large public vehicle for many passengers | transit system: buses and trains in a city |
| drive: control a car | commute: travel between home and work or school |
| ticket: a small paper that lets you ride once | pass: a card that lets you ride many times |
| wait: stay until something arrives | delay: when a bus or train is late |
| ride: travel inside a vehicle | transfer: change from one bus or train to another |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I ride the bus to work every day.

CLB 7: My commute is often delayed near the intersection, so I catch an earlier train.

Useful Connectors

- because: I take the bus because I do not drive.

- however: The bus is cheap; however, it is slow.

- after that: I take the train; after that, I walk.

- as a result: The bus was late; as a result, I missed my class.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 5

You missed your bus and will be late. Explain the situation and how you will fix it.

## Topic 5: Work and Job Interviews

Discuss your job, tasks, and applying for new roles.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| job: the work that you do | position: the title or role in a company |
| boss: the person who manages you | supervisor: a person who checks your work |
| pay: money you earn for your work | salary: money you earn each year |
| tasks: the things you do at work | responsibilities: important duties you must do |
| start: begin a job | negotiate: discuss pay or conditions to reach an agreement |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I work at a store and help customers every day.

CLB 7: I manage a small team and handle complaints. I also negotiate with suppliers.

Useful Connectors

- in addition: I help at the front; in addition, I train new staff.

- however: I like my job; however, the salary is low.

- therefore: I finished a course; therefore, I will apply for a new position.

- for example: I handle returns, for example customer refunds.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 2

You are applying for a job. Describe your experience and explain why you are a good fit.

## Topic 6: Weather and Seasons

Describe the weather and how it changes your plans.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| snow: small pieces of frozen water from the sky | blizzard: very heavy snow with strong wind |
| rain: water that falls from clouds | drizzle: light and gentle rain |
| hot: high temperature | humid: hot with wet air |
| cold: low temperature | chilly: a little cold |
| summer: the warm season of the year | seasonal change: when weather moves from one season to another |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I like summer because it is warm and sunny.

CLB 7: I enjoy the seasonal change in fall. The weather becomes cooler and more comfortable.

Useful Connectors

- since: Since it is humid, we will stay inside.

- however: It is sunny; however, the wind is cold.

- after that: It rains in April; after that, it warms up.

- as a result: It snowed a lot; as a result, the roads are closed.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 7

Do you think it is better to stay home or go out during very bad weather? Give reasons and examples.

## Topic 7: Daily Routine and Time

Talk about your daily schedule and small changes.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| wake up: stop sleeping | get up: leave the bed and start your day |
| eat: have food | have breakfast: eat in the morning |
| work: do your job | attend a meeting: join a work meeting |
| rest: take a short break | relax: rest in a calm way |
| sleep: rest at night | go to bed: start sleeping |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I wake up at seven, have breakfast, and go to work.

CLB 7: My shift starts early, so I get up at six and prepare my meals the night before.

Useful Connectors

- then: I have coffee, then I check emails.

- also: I study English and I also watch short videos.

- as: I sleep early, as I start work at six.

- after that: I finish work; after that, I go for a walk.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 3

Describe your daily routine. What part of the day is most important for you and why?

## Topic 8: Food and Restaurants

Order food, describe meals, and talk about eating out.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| food: things that people eat | dish: one prepared food item |
| restaurant: a place where you can buy and eat meals | diner: a small and casual restaurant |
| menu: a list of food and drink choices | options: the choices on a menu |
| meal: food that you eat at one time | cuisine: a style of cooking such as Italian or Indian |
| pay: give money for your meal | split the bill: each person pays part of the total |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I like to eat at restaurants on weekends.

CLB 7: We usually dine out on weekends and prefer vegetarian cuisine.

Useful Connectors

- in addition: We will order soup; in addition, a salad.

- however: The place is small; however, the food is delicious.

- therefore: It is busy; therefore, we will book a table.

- for example: I like many dishes, for example vegetable curry.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 7

Do you prefer eating at home or at a restaurant? Give reasons and examples.

## Topic 9: Making Plans and Social Life

Invite someone, accept or decline plans, and talk about events.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| call: talk to someone on the phone | invite: ask someone to come to an event |
| go: move from one place to another | attend: go to an event such as a meeting or party |
| meet: see someone at a set time | schedule: choose a time and date for a meeting |
| want: wish to do something | prefer: like one option more than another |
| say: use words to tell someone something | respond: answer a message or invitation |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I want to meet my friends for a small party.

CLB 7: We scheduled a gathering for Saturday and will confirm the guest list tomorrow.

Useful Connectors

- in addition: We will meet; in addition, we will bring snacks.

- even though: Even though I am busy, I will try to come.

- so that: I will book early so that everyone can join.

- for example: We can play games, for example cards.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 8

Plan a get together for next week. Say who will come, what you will do, and why it will be fun.

## Topic 10: Community and Volunteering

Talk about helping others and joining local programs.

Vocabulary

| CLB 5 Vocabulary | CLB 7 Vocabulary |
| --- | --- |
| help: do something to make life easier for someone | volunteer: help without pay |
| join: become part of a group or event | participate: take part in an activity |
| give: provide something to someone | donate: give money or items to help others |
| organize: plan the details of an event | host: run an event and welcome people |
| clean: make a place free of dirt or mess | support: help a person or group over time |

Example Sentences

CLB 5: I helped at a clean up event in my neighbourhood.

CLB 7: I volunteered at a charity to support local residents and organizations.

Useful Connectors

- because: I joined because my friend invited me.

- in addition: We cleaned the park; in addition, we planted trees.

- therefore: The event was popular; therefore, we will host it again.

- however: It rained; however, many people still came.

Speaking Practice: CELPIP Task 2

Describe a time you helped your community. What did you do and why was it important?

## Connector Reference Table

Use these words to join ideas. Pick the ones that fit your sentence. You do not need special or complex words to reach CLB 7. Clarity and control are the most important.

| Connector | Function | Mini Example |
| --- | --- | --- |
| because | reason | I stayed home because I felt weak. |
| since | reason | Since it was late, we left. |
| as | reason | As I was tired, I rested. |
| so | result | It was closed, so we went home. |
| therefore | result | It was closed; therefore, we went home. |
| as a result | result | I studied; as a result, I passed. |
| and | addition | I work and I study. |
| also | addition | I work; I also study. |
| in addition | addition | I work; in addition, I volunteer. |
| but | contrast | It is small, but cozy. |
| however | contrast | It is small; however, it is cozy. |
| whereas | contrast | Buses are slow whereas trains are fast. |
| even though | concession | Even though it rained, we went out. |
| although | concession | Although I was tired, I finished. |
| nevertheless | concession | It was hard; nevertheless, we tried. |
| then | sequence | I ate, then I left. |
| after that | sequence | We met; after that, we ate. |
| meanwhile | time | I cooked; meanwhile, he cleaned. |
| before | time | Before you leave, call me. |
| if | condition | If it rains, we will stay home. |
| unless | condition | We will go unless it rains. |
| provided that | condition | You can join provided that you register. |
| to | purpose | I called to confirm the time. |
| so that | purpose | I booked early so that we get seats. |
| in order to | purpose | I saved money in order to move. |
| for example | example | We need fruit, for example apples. |
| for instance | example | Try exercise, for instance walking. |

## Ready for Personal Feedback

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