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INTRODUCTION

English test. Scary. Stressful. Nervous.

Who gets excited about taking a test? Almost nobody. In fact, most of us get stressed about taking a test. The good news is that you can be fully prepared for your English Exam.

The material you are about to read is based on the author's private experience, knowledge and ideas.

This book in your hands is absolutely helpful for CELPIP Test takers, especially for most of them who are stressed and frustrated about their speaking ability.

This book is written in a simple, easy way that everyone can read and understand effortlessly. Nevertheless, this book is effective and powerful. Anyone who uses it will increase their ability to communicate and persuade, tell stories and describe things, which can obviously lead to a higher score on the CELPIP Test.

This book is designed to guide you on the road to your fluency, confident speaking. You will learn how to be completely prepared for CELPIP Speaking Test, how to improve your speaking skills and achieve the success you want.

The secrets about English learning success in this book will help you make your speaking stand out in the crowd.

TASK 1 – GIVING ADVICE

For this task, you need to advise someone about any situation where he or she has to make a decision. It could be a variety of situations like, for example, your friend wants to buy something, or go somewhere, or decide to do something, or make a decision and so on. And you need to help your friend with his/her task by giving your advice.

I recommend focusing on the task. Think about what you want to say and imagine what would you advise your friend if it happened in real life.

Remember, that you have to speak 90 seconds and you have only 30 seconds preparation time.

Of course, I'm going to give you some **key answers** and **patterns** for this task. Here they are:

First of all, you have to speak directly to someone, so think up a name. For example, say "Hi, Bob!".

Then you should offer advice and not orders, so use phrases like:

"Bob, I recommend you ..."

"I suggest you verb (ing)..."

"There are lots of ... you can try"

"You can also..."

"First of all, try ... Secondly, you can ... Next, it might be good for you to..."

Try to leave a few seconds at the end to finish your advice with some phrases like:

"I'm sure you will come up with your decision."

"I hope I was able to help."

"Good luck!"

Patterns:

"Hi, Bob! I know you are looking for ... So, I can give you advice, if you don't mind.

I recommend you to start improving your success with...

You can also...

That might be good for you if...

I hope I was able to help. Good luck!"

"Hi, Anna! I heard that you ... I would like to give you advice, if you want.

First of all, I would suggest going...

Secondly, you could...

Finally, try to...

I'm sure you will come up with your decision. Good luck!"

If the situation would be slightly hard for you, or not close to you and you are not sure what to advise, just try to give the simplest ideas and recommendations. Also, use the next **key answers**.

You can start with the phrase:

"Hi, Bob. I know you are looking for I'm not strongly aware of this type of ... (*question/situation/problem*), but if you're asking me I will give you some ideas."

And then continue with your simple advice by using the patterns above. Moreover, I'm giving some bonuses for you which you can use almost for every advice in this Task. These are like additional answers or ideas to your speech when you don't know what to talk about for this task. Feel free to choose one or some of them to complete your full response.

"Hi, Bob!"

"First of all, I recommend you think a little about your problem and listen to your heart, not your brain. Always make decisions with your heart; it will give you the best answer."

"Try to relax and take it easy. Let your ideas come to your brain and your subconscious thinking will give you the best answer. Trust me. That's what I always do when I have a difficult situation."

"I suggest choosing the best ideas and versions and try to improve them for yourself. Don't worry about the wrong one. Everyone a human and everyone can make mistakes. It's okay! I'm sure you will succeed!"

"Making a pros and cons list might be good for you. That's what I often do when I need to make an important decision. Write down positive and negative arguments and count which ones are more."

"Finally, if you still need more ideas or advice, ask your parents (wife/husband/sister/co-workers etc.). I'm sure they will give you the best recommendations as they know you better and they fill your needs. They are probably more experienced in this kind of situation"

Examples:

Your friend wants to learn a foreign language but he doesn't know where to start. Advise him about what he can do to achieve his goal.

"Hi, Bob! I know you want to learn Spanish because you often go for your vacations to Mexico and you need to communicate with people. As I have studied English, I can give you advice.

I recommend you to start improving your success with learning some vocabulary words. There are so many apps you can use with your cell phone

or computer that help to study words easily with fun.

You can also try to listen a lot. Listen to stories; watch the news and TV shows, your favorite films and so on.

Next what you want to do is reading. Read your lovely books, novels, magazines, articles. The main point of it is that you need to read something you are interested in and choose the text that you can understand about 90%.

And finally, I suggest practicing speaking. Speak Spanish to your friends and family or find somebody you can talk to online.

I hope I was able to help. Good luck!"

P.S. You can also try to apply this text to another similar task, such as when somebody needs to study something, or do reports for work, or give a speech. So, advise them again to prepare for their tasks by listening, reading and practicing accordingly to their fields.

Your friend wants to move to another city (or country). Advise him about where he can go.

"Hi, Bob! I know you want to move to a different city and you are not sure what place to choose. So, I can give you some advice, if you don't mind.

I suggest you choose Canada. This is an amazing country with very nice and friendly people and a responsible government.

I highly recommend moving to Vancouver, BC.

Vancouver is one of the best places in the world to live in. This city is modern with a rich environment, education, infrastructure, healthcare, income and so on.

Vancouver is very green with many beautiful national parks. There is a fantastic nature surrounding the city with the mountains, lakes, and forests with a variety of animals.

You can also find there are many opportunities for you to grow. And as well as I know you, I'm sure you will love this city.

I hope you will come up with your decision. Good luck!"

P.S. As you see, this text can be used as an answer for those tasks when somebody needs advice with moving, or where to study and work, or what country to choose, or even in some questions where you have to talk about Canada.

Your friend has difficulties with money. Give him advice how he can solve his problem.

"Hi, Bob! I know you are suffering because you need to earn a living and you haven't gotten any job offers. So, let me give you advice.

I know you have a wonderful hobby to make cakes. And you're doing really good! Why don't you try baking cakes for sale? I know many people would love to buy a beautiful home-made cake.

Also, I would like to recommend one idea. You can open your own coffee shop or bakery with your goodies and make great cash flow from it.

Finally, that might be good for you to take any courses and get a certificate. It might be easier to earn money with it or get a better job.

So, I'm sure you will come up with your decision. I hope I was able to help. Good luck!"

P.S. This version of answer you could use for any situation when your friend needs to make money or get any job, or doesn't know what to do in his life.

If your friend needs advice with, for example, any gift for somebody, or wants to impress somebody, you can also recommend him to make a cake because he is a pro at it.

So, be creative. Try to apply those patterns and ideas I have given you above to your individual question. Just relax and think what would you advise your friend in a real situation. And you will succeed!

TASK 2 – TALKING ABOUT A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

This task is slightly challenging for most of the people because you need to tell a story or any experience from your past. And sometimes it might be a little bit confusing to remember a specific story for 30 seconds of your preparation time.

However, it really doesn't matter what you're going to talk about. The point is that this story needs to suit the question and be realistic.

So, I'm going to give you some ideas and advice on how to prepare for this task. Besides, I would like you to remember that you can imagine the story if you don't know what to answer.

Okay, before the exam, try to think what you would tell for some topics which might be in Task 2. You can also write down those topics or even whole stories on a sheet of paper and reread them every day. Just don't write too much. You have to speak for exactly one minute.

For this task it would be good to use next phrases:

"Five years ago my ... and I..."

"It was ... We started..."

"After that ... Than..."

Try to live some time for a finishing sentence, such as:

"It was the most memorable day in my life."

"I remember this like it was yesterday."

"It was one of the best moments I have had."

Now, I want to give you some general topics that you need to prepare stories for. Use past tense for your speech. Alright, here we go.

General topics:

- any event; party; trip; adventure;
- first love and date; first job experience; cooking experience; surprising experience; moving experience or any first experience;
- favorite place; place to avoid; your fair;
- difficult choice or decision; learning from mistakes; work or study under pressure;
- bad luck; good luck; help somebody; gotten help; possession that you value; successes story;
- your childhood; things you love to do; something that changed your life; right decision;

- favorite celebrity; movie; a person whom inspires you.

So, of course, think about more ideas or expect questions and write them down I suggest combining your stories. For example, take one topic and try to make a story which includes an additional topic or more.

Examples:

Talk about your favorite place you love to go again and again. Why this place became so special for you?

“There is a beautiful restaurant called Millennium where I would like to come back again and again. It is in the Alps, Switzerland.

A few years ago my older brother, our friends and I took a trip to the mountains. One sunny day, we arrived in a small village and after a walk and some skiing, we came to that restaurant for dinner.

I was so impressed. This place was designed in the old-fashioned style with oak tables and chairs, stone stoves and hand-made decorations.

We enjoyed our delicious cheese fondue and sausages with root vegetables baked in cute pots and admired the incredible view outside.

It was the best place I have ever been to.”

P.S. So, as you see in this story, I combined a few topics into one: lovely place, a trip, spending time with friends, favorite food. You can remake this story: take out something, add something, depends on what you need to tell about. For instance, if you have to speak about spending time with your friends, you can tell how you were having your dinner and somebody tried cheese fondue at the first time and everybody was joking and laughing.

Talk about your first love. When you fell in love for the first time and why it was memorable for you?

“When I was a teenager I had a friend named George.

I was a beautiful, intelligent girl and George fell in love with me. But George wasn’t a really handsome guy. Moreover, girls always laughed at him. Anyway, he wanted to impress me, so, he started to go to the gym to work out. And over the course of time, he got stronger and better.

One day, he came to my house and said, “Hi, I’m George. I’m handsome, and I’m cool, and I want you!” I was very impressed and surprised. So, we hit it off and have been together for two years.”

P.S. OK, if you are a male, you can tell this story like you were George who fell in love with a beautiful girl.

In this story, again, I combined exactly what was asked in the question – first love, and it also could be used like a surprising story, funny or happy story

or even a disappointed story if you say instead of the very last sentence this one *“But by that time, I was dating another guy, so I disappointed George.”*

Talk about a time when you had to make a difficult decision and why it was difficult for you.

“After I graduated from the university I was hired at a big company as an engineer. This was a pretty hard job for me. My workload was too heavy.

But I was getting great cash flow from this job. Despite that, I decided to give up. I wanted a new identity; a new challenge.

Soon after, I became a web designer. It was an amazing work! Yes, it wasn't an easy job but for me, it was very interesting and moreover, I felt like I was doing something great.

I made a good choice between the high salary of the exiting job. It was an unforgettable experience.”

P.S. Once again, you can use this story as an answer for these types of topics: right decision, challenge in life or work, job experience, making a choice.

So, I highly recommend working on this task and thinking about stories from your life that you can talk about. Again, try to make them multipurpose, so you can use them in many different questions.

Finally, be creative, have a few basic stories and then you will easily make additional relevant parts.

TASK 3 – DESCRIBING A SCENE

In Task 3, you need to describe a picture as well as you can. It might be not so difficult for most of you, I believe. But you still have to know how to deal with it the best.

First of all, start talking about the main idea what you see in a picture. Say **what** it is, **who** you see, **where** and **when** it is happening and **how** or **why**.

Try to describe some details, like people; what they are doing, what they are wearing, what they have and so on.

So, once again talk about:

- main idea (thing) in the picture ("This is a scene of ..." / "There are a lot of people...")
- what people (things) are doing ("They are walking...")
- where are they in the picture ("In the center there are...")
- how they are doing something ("The child is trying to catch that black cat")
- other details ("The girl looks satisfied and happy")

Pay the attention that there is not necessary to talk about everything that you see in the picture. Use only 3-4 things you feel comfortable to talk about.

Usually, those pictures you will need to describe come from any scene in the real life, such as at school, at work, at a store, in a restaurant, in a hotel, in a museum, on a beach, at the airport, on a plane, at the bus stop, at the bus station / subway station, on a street, in a park, at a concert / film etc.

So, I suggest learning more vocabulary words which you would probably be using to describe what's going on in the picture.

You should also use describing words and phrases, such as:

on; under; in; between; behind; next to; in the middle, etc.

Patterns:

"This is a scene of..."

"In this picture, I can see..."

"It looks like..."

"There are many things to talk about in this scene"

"The atmosphere is like a..."

"In the foreground, there is a..."

"In the background..."

"In the center..."

"In the corner..."

“On the left / right...”

“There are lots of things going on in this picture.”

Examples:

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.



“This is a scene of a nice park in a village. There are many kids playing in this park. It looks like it’s a sunny warm fall evening.

In the background, I can see a beautiful sunset. There are a few tiny houses scattered among the green hills with tall pine trees between them.

There is a walkway in the center of the picture. Some children are skating down the walkway. Behind them one boy is playing with a radio controlled car, another boy is flying a kite.

There are two girls under the tree, on the right side of the picture. One of them is painting a picture and the other girl is reading a book.

On the left side of the picture, on the grass, kids are playing. One boy is riding a bicycle and a blonde girl is playing the guitar.

There are lots of things going on in this park.”

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.



“This is a scene of a restaurant dining room. In the foreground, there is a couple sitting at a table and a waiter standing by them.

It looks like the men and the women have just come because they are holding menus. The man, who is wearing dark blue pants and a light blue shirt with an orange tie looks appalled, probably because of the high prices for meals. The woman in front of him in a yellow dress with orange hair is looking mysteriously sidelong.

The waiter is looking somewhere upward thoughtfully. He is ready to make notes of the order in his notebook.

The restaurant is designed in pink and purple colors. All the tables are covered with pink tablecloths. There are some pictures on the walls and a huge chandelier on the ceiling.

The atmosphere in this picture tends to be a nice, peaceful evening.

There are some more interesting things in this picture I could tell about, but I hope I have described it clearly.”

P.S. As you see both descriptions have detailed and accurate information and show the main ideas. Of course, you don’t have to talk about everything because there may not be enough time but try to describe the general idea.

TASK 4 – MAKING PREDICTIONS

In this task, you will see the previous picture and you need to predict what is going to happen next. As you may guess, you must use the future tenses and your imagination.

For answering in task 4 I suggest using these words and phrases:

will / would / would probably / may / might / is going to.

It might be a not very hard task if you approach it correctly. And I'm going to teach you how to do that.

So, once again you don't have to take everything to make your prediction. A couple moments would be enough. Just try to provide some reasons why you think that might happen.

And yes, you can imagine and talk about everything even if it's unexpected. And that's a deal!

Okay, go ahead with **the patterns**:

"I think there is going to be..."

"I guess what will probably happen is..."

"That tall man might..."

"It seems to be..."

"I'm pretty sure that it would be..."

Your goal is to make predictions of what you see in the picture. For example, you could say "That little boy is going to kick the ball and it will break the neighbor's window."

But if it would be hard for you to describe what is going to happen with a few things you see in that picture, then your answer will be unexpected (look at key answers). In this situation, I recommend you to start talking about factual things that might happen and if you still have enough time left, make your unexpected answers.

So, here are some general ideas that might be good to finish most of the answers in task 4.

Key answers:

"Behind the scene, there is going to appear a paparazzi. He will take a picture of that beautiful woman in a red dress because she is a famous movie star. That celebrity will be angry with the photographer. She is going to swear at him and then run away."

"That man is going to tell something to the girl next to him. She will be surprised and after some hesitation, she might turn around and leave this place."

“It seems to be raining and people will go to the nearest cafes and stores to come in out of the rain. Some of them will probably get wet.”

“Suddenly, it will be a high wind that is going to scatter leaves and things around.”

Examples:

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



“I guess what will probably happen is the black boy who is on a skateboard is going to fall down and injure his elbow. But he won’t weep with pain. He will jump on his skateboard and ride ahead.”

The little boy on the bicycle is going to ride up the hill. It might be pretty hard for him because that hill is high enough. But another boy with orange hair who is reading a book will run up to him and push the bicycle with the friend on it. They will succeed.

Suddenly, there will be a high wind that may catch the kite into the sky. The kid who was flying that kite would probably be super excited. All children will leave their works because they are going to be busy watching the kite in the sky.”

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



"I think the couple will finally make their order. They are going to have some wine and cheese for an appetizer.

Soon after, the waiter is going to bring them their meal. The woman will be eating buttered lobster tails with grilled vegetables, and the man will have a rib eye steak with French fries.

I think they'll be really satisfied their dinner. But the man might be nervous. That's because he is going to ask the woman to marry him. He'll give her a fantastic engagement ring with a huge diamond!

She would shout "Yes!". Finally, they are going to be super excited and everyone who is in this restaurant will applaud them."

P.S. Of course, you can imagine anything that you like while answering this task. And for higher score try to provide a few reasons for your predictions and also make a story.

TASK 5 – COMPARING AND PERSUADING

In this task, you are going to persuade somebody of your choice.

First of all, you need to select one of two options you like best. There are going to be two pictures with information about them under each picture. Choose one of them that you feel you can talk about best.

In the next part of the task, you will see your choice that you have just chosen and another, similar to yours. And now you need to convince somebody that your option would be better.

By answering for this task you want to use **comparative adjectives**:

easier/harder

better/worse

lighter/darker

older/newer

cleaned/dirtier

more/less space

faster/slower

longer/shorter/taller

cheaper/more expensive

more/less advanced

lighter/heavier

better/worse fuel economy

nicer/meaner

wider/narrower

So, compare those two options, and pay attention to the difference. Then make at least three reasons to support your choice. You can use the information at the bottom of the pictures, but don't read it. Use it just to make the comparison. Of course, feel free to give your own point of view to explain why your choice is better.

Doubtless, you don't want to push or press a person or people you talk to. Use polite and nice tone.

In this task again, you have to speak directly to someone, so think up a name, or if that's a group of people or a family, just say, "Hi, guys!" / "Dear friends", etc.

Here are some **patterns** you should use in this task:

"Hi, guys! I understand the reasons why you would like to buy this, but in my opinion, another one would be better. And here are some reasons why I

think so.”

“Hi, Bob! I understand that you really want to go to ... I think that isn’t a bad idea, but in my opinion, going to ... would be even better for us. And here are some reasons.”

“Hello, Mr. Smith! I understand that you would like to get those ... for our company, and I think that’s a good choice. But in my opinion, the other ones are going to be much better. Here are some reasons why I think so.”

“In my opinion, this one would be better for us because...”

“If we get this one we will...”

“If we choose the other one we won’t be able...”

“It has better reviews and higher scores from customers/previous clients.”

“This one is cheaper, so we can save some money for...”

“Even so it’s more expensive, but still fits our budget.”

“I guess it is just what we are looking for”

“In my opinion, it meets our expectations better than another one.”

Okay, now I’m going to give you key answers for some options (like furniture, houses, other items) that usually might appear in this task.

Key answers:

For Furniture:

- ✓ it would fit better with our home/office design
- ✓ it will be more usable for all of us
- ✓ there are more drawers / more space where we can store all our stuff
- ✓ this one looks much more comfortable and I think it might be good enough for our needs
- ✓ this color is brighter / darker than the other one, so that’s exactly what we like

For Restaurants:

- ✓ there is an incredible style with very friendly staff and a nicer atmosphere than in the other one
- ✓ they have their own musicians that play very nice music you may like and that’s going to make our evening more enjoyable/memorable
- ✓ its menu boasts imaginative farm-to-table eats, so their food is much tastier than in the other restaurant

For Hotels:

- ✓ this one is more silent with very friendly staff and a nicer atmosphere than in the other one
- ✓ in my opinion, the rooms are bigger and look cozier / more comfortable for our being

✓ there is a wonderful garden in this hotel with gazebos where we might have dinner and that's going to make our vacation/evenings more enjoyable

✓ this hotel is very close to the ocean/lake, so we would be more satisfied sitting on the beach next to the warm and placid water

For Places:

✓ this place looks nicer, much more exciting and enjoyable

✓ we would have more impression being there because it is a different environment than our usual places

✓ there are more things to do for us in this area, such as playing volleyball or tennis

For Houses:

✓ this house is a little bit bigger which means it will be more comfortable for our family / this house is a little bit smaller which means it would be less expensive with utility expenses

✓ this one is closer to schools and stores (downtown) so we won't need to take a longer time to get there / even so this one is farther to schools and stores (downtown), but it's not a big problem because we all have own cars to get there

✓ this house is brighter and cleaner, looks older / newer but more beautiful

For Schools:

✓ in this school, there are more energetic and passionate teachers who inspire their students to love learning

✓ the students in this school have always shown better results on the tests than in the other school

✓ I think it is a better choice because spending money on good education has always been the best investment

For countries/cities:

✓ in this country/city there are many more opportunities for us to work and education, so it might be easier way to earn a living

✓ people are more open and friendly in this country/city, so we can find new friends faster

✓ even the climate is cooler here it's better option because this country/city is richer for nature and natural resources

For Vehicles:

- ✓ this car is a little bit bigger which means it would be much better for going on road trips and having an extra space would be much more comfortable for us
- ✓ even if this car is a little bit smaller, but the seats are much more comfortable and that would make our road trip easier
- ✓ this car has better fuel economy and it also cheaper in maintenance
- ✓ this car has more options such as a conditioner, GPS navigator, panoramic roofs and many more that would be useful

For Gadgets

- ✓ this one is lighter and has thinner design what is beautiful and looks modern
- ✓ it has equal functions with the other one / it has better functions than the other one
- ✓ this one is portable and its rounded edge design makes it more comfortable to hold
- ✓ this one has a brighter display, so we can enjoy a vivid viewing
- ✓ it's more/less powerful but/and has enough memory for all our favorite content
- ✓ in my opinion, it is a better choice with the easy-to-use 8MP camera

For Hiking or Camping

- ✓ we don't have any experience in hiking, so first, we need to prepare for this kind of trip to make it easier and less dangerous for us
- ✓ it would be less comfortable to sleep in tents and moreover, I know some of us are afraid of snakes
- ✓ we have never gone on a hike, so it would be a better decision to try this kind of trip
- ✓ we would be more satisfied sleeping in tents, having camp dinners and enjoy beautiful sunsets in the mountains

For Taxi vs Bus

- ✓ we will have lesser waiting time if we go by taxi and we can get our destination faster
- ✓ this type of transportation is much more comfortable and enjoyable and always has free seats
- ✓ even so, it is more expensive, but we don't need to walk to and from the bus stops
- ✓ usually, the traffic at this time is not very heavy, so to take a taxi would be a better choice for us

Examples:

You have a special family event coming soon, where are going to be many guests, and you must choose a place to celebrate it. You find two suitable options. Using the pictures and information below, choose the option that you prefer.

In the next section, you will need to persuade your family members that your choice is the better choice.

Let's say that you chose the place on the left picture and your family is suggesting another location. Persuade your family members that what you chose is more suitable by comparing the two.

	
Stunning restaurant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$25,000• live band from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.• family-style reception dinner• videographer	Backyard party <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$20,000• live band from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.• buffet-style dinner• photographer and videographer

"Hi, mom and dad! I see that you would like to celebrate this special day in our backyard, and I think that would be a good choice. But in my opinion, the restaurant is going to be much better. Here are some reasons why I think so:

The restaurant is offering a killer view of the waterfront, so our guests will be more impressed the amazing atmosphere and unforgettable time.

The menu boasts plenty of seafood and premium steaks and that's going to make our dinner more enjoyable and special.


The musicians play right after supper until midnight, so it might be a better time for dances and it seems to be longer.

Even so, it's more expensive, but it still fits our budget."

Your family has decided to buy a new desk. You find two suitable options. Using the pictures and information below, choose the option that you prefer.

In the next section, you will need to persuade your family members that your choice is the better choice.

Let's say that you chose the white desk and your family is suggesting another one. Persuade your family members that what you chose is more suitable by comparing the two.

	
<p>Home office desk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350 • scratch & heat-resistant panels • good-quality wood construction • professional delivery and installation 	<p>White desk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$450 • lacquered and chrome desk • 3 drawers • filing cabinet can be installed on either side

"Hi, guys! I understand that you would like to get this cheaper desk, and it may be a good choice. But in my opinion, the other one will be much better. Here are some reasons why I think so.

Obviously, the white desk is brighter, looks more modern, and fit our home design much better.

It would be more suitable, because it has drawers where we can store our stuff, and besides, the cabinets can be fixed on both sides, so that might be more convenient.

That desk made out of a mix of hardworking lacquer and chrome construction, what is better in use and worth all of the money.


After all, I think, that's exactly what we are looking for."

Your co-workers have decided to buy a gift for your boss' 50-th birthday. You find two suitable options. Using the pictures and information below,

choose the option that you prefer.

In the next section, you will need to persuade your colleagues that your choice is the better choice.

Let's say that you chose to buy a table game and your co-workers are suggesting a set of rare books. Persuade your co-workers that what you chose is more suitable by comparing the two.

	
<p>Set of rare books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$480• the limited edition• illustrated with examples of the Renaissance's great works• ones of the most influential books in its field	<p>Board Game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$400• vintage-look, special edition wooden box• designed for display on a shelf or table• unique series of games

“Hello, guys! I understand that you want to buy those rare books for our boss. ”

I think that isn't a bad idea, but I guess if we buy a board game, it would be an even better gift. And here are some reasons.

Let us consider that we are not sure he is interested in Renaissance period, so the books could be less impressive for him.

That exclusive series of games looks better with the vintage style that made it older and more elegant.

The board made of high-quality wood with a beautiful design would look nicer on his shelf than any book.

Doubtless, our boss will be more satisfied having a pleasant time with his family by playing this game.

After everything we have discussed so far, this gift will be less expensive with more benefits.”

Your company is providing a workshop for employees with two possible topics. You find two suitable options. Using the pictures and information below, choose the option that you prefer.

In the next section, you will need to persuade your co-workers that your choice is the better choice.

Let’s say that you prefer a communication skills workshop and some co-workers are suggesting organizing an email etiquette workshop. Persuade your co-workers that what you chose is more suitable by comparing the two.



Email etiquette

- provide email guidelines of electronic communications
- will assist staff in changing poor email habits
- participants will learn electronic "manners"



Communication skills

- might improve productivity
- will make meetings effective
- online for some employees

“Guys! I understand that you want to organize an email etiquette workshop, and I think it would be good for all of us and for our company. But in my opinion, for now, the better choice will be improving communication skills. And there are some reasons for this:

First of all, communication is more important for every employee to grow.

Besides, this workshop could help to make our meetings more effective and easier, so that might cultivate our efficiency and productivity.

Also, we're going to meet online with some staff, so it is not necessarily to take more time for them to drive here.

After all, in my opinion, we will get more knowledge and skills how to communicate with our customers."

P.S. So, in your speech you have to make three or more ways of your persuasion, try to provide reasons why you think so, describe the benefits of your choice and see if you can say something for concluding.

TASK 6 – DEALING WITH A DIFFICULT SITUATION

Alright, in this section you need to deal with some sort of a situation. The situations you'll be given usually can appear in our daily life. So, it requires your acting, because you're going to solve a problem or task and explain the reasons to support your decision.

You have again to choose between two ways who you will talk to. It could be your boss, co-worker, friend, family member or any other person. So, first of all carefully think to whom it will be easier to explain your decision. Or even more important, choose the way where your speech, your explanation would be the best.

Simply put, don't think how good your reasons are, think about how well you communicate your reasons.

And remember that you must use a nice, tactful tone to the person you are talking to. As always, start speaking directly to the person.

Okay, for this part of the speaking test would be suitable using next **patterns:**

"Hello, Mr. Smith!"

"Hi, Anna!"

"I would like to talk about..."

"I've been thinking about..."

"As you know..."

"Should I at least try to..."

"All we have to do is..."

"When it becomes possible..."

"As far as I am concerned..."

"I would like to recommend..."

"This wasn't the easiest decision I've ever made and I hope for your understanding."

This one is pretty challenging task because we cannot guess all of the situations you may deal with, but we know exactly that you need to give preference to one person over another or deny assistance to one of them.

So, for this case, I suggest using key answers. For example, if you have to deny someone of your help, say them that your friend/co-worker/John, etc. can help them with their problem (see the example below).

Key answers:

If you have to deny someone in giving something, or you are limited in time you can tell next reasons:

"I'm going to be really busy this time preparing for my exams at college. I must do some important reports for my job, so I might need ... /more time/my computer/my car in a hurry, etc./... for doing this work.

But you can rent it, Mark. Remember that guy I introduced you to recently? So, it won't be very expensive, just about \$x a day."

"Unfortunately, I won't be able to lend you money, because, as you know, I'm still studying at college and I need to pay the college fee in a few days."

If you have to preference one instead of another:

"I'm sorry, Bob but I have to support Anna. You know, she has had a really hard time. She is suffering about losing her best friend and feeling very sad and lonely.

Also, I have promised to help her to prepare for her birthday, to make a cake and so on / with moving into another apartment / to prepare for her important exams / to be a photographer on this special day for her / to build a dog house for her puppy / so she is hopping for my help.

But I recommend you to turn to our friend Mark for help. I have just talked to him and he said he's absolutely happy to help you.

Also I think we can meet on the long weekend in a couple weeks and spend wonderful time together."

If you have to deal with your co-worker or employee:

"As you may know, we have the rules at our work that we need to follow, so that's why I cannot approve your request, unfortunately."

"You may show our clients not only your intelligence and professionalism but also you have to impress them with your formal look. That's why we have a dress code in our office."

"I'm sorry to say that but I should cancel our meeting because I have to meet with our clients. They have had some troubles with the products we delivered, so I need to instruct them."

"I need to prepare for very important meeting with our shareholders. They expect a business plan from us, so that requires many time and effort to do this job and demonstration."

"I think we can reschedule our meeting for the next week and discuss all of the questions."

Alright, I have given you the main ideas and, of course you have to create your own scenario that depends on the type of the situation you need to deal with in this task.

Examples:

Your co-worker asked you to help him with very important project, but you have already promised to help your friend Anna move.

Choose one:

Either

Talk to your co-worker and explain why you cannot help him.

Or

Talk to Anna and explain why you cannot help her.

"Hi, Anna! I remember that I've promised to help you with moving to the new apartment, but unfortunately I have to change my decision. Here are the reasons why I'm doing that:

I need to help a colleague of mine Bob with his project, because it's super important for our job. There is going to be a meeting with our shareholders and Bob has to present a business plan for them. But it hasn't ready yet.

I feel like he is in a dire need for my help. Besides, I have to repay him for his favor to me.

But I suggest you to turn to our friend Mark for help. I talked to him a few minutes ago and he told that he would be happy to help you with your moving.

This wasn't the easiest decision I've ever made and I hope for your understanding."

Your son Tom asks you to buy him a dog. But you have just moved into the apartment that has a no-pet policy.

Choose one:

Either

Talk to your son Tom and explain why you cannot buy him a dog.

Or

Talk to a building manager and explain why he should allow your son to adopt a dog.

"My dear Tom! I completely understand your desire and needs of having a dog, but unfortunately, you can't get it now.

First of all, because we have some rules we need to follow while living in this apartment. In addition to that, as you know, I'm temporarily unemployed.

Buying and having the dog requires spending money on it, and we don't have much right now.

Instead of taking the dog let's spend more time together, have some fun. You won't feel lonely with me!

I hope for your comprehension and accepting my reasons."

You are the soccer coach at a high school. Your soccer team qualified to play in the soccer match in another province. But the school principal says that the school cannot go to the expense of all costs.

Choose one:

Either

Talk to the school principal and explain why your team should attend the soccer match.

Or

Talk to your team members and explain why they cannot attend the soccer match.

“Hello, Mr. Smith! I’ve been thinking about whether or not my team can go to the soccer match, and I would like to discuss it with you.

As you know, the guys are really good players. They are very passionate about soccer and we don’t have to destroy it.

Moreover, they’ve been practicing for this match since last year and they can’t wait until the game. So, I can’t tell them we’re not going.

I had talked to the parents and they agreed to donate some money, but we still need about half.

I ask to take this into considerations and hope for your support and understanding.”

P.S. So, try to focus on the problem and think how you can justify it. Then provide reasons and make your request. Also, try to adapt those recommendations and examples to your situation on the test.

TASK 7 – EXPRESSING OPINIONS

This task could be really interesting and not very hard for most of you. Because here, you need to talk about your point of view on the question. There is no right or wrong answer. You have to give your personal opinion, but at the same time, your speech should be consistent.

This task carries within itself a social Canadian issue, so you have to be competent enough and also have an ability to express your opinion. It doesn't mean you need to be great in the topics of this task, try to be great in your speaking.

Okay, first of all, think of the question and decide you agree or disagree with it. Then explain reasons behind your opinion in a logical way, give some examples or details.

Patterns:

“Personally, I think...”

“As far as I'm concerned, I really think that...”

“I strongly believe that...”

“In my opinion...”

“I completely agree/disagree with the statement that...”

“First / second / moreover / in addition / besides / finally...”

“For these reasons I think that...”

“That's mainly why I think...”

“These are the main reasons why I think that...”

“That's what I think about this question.”

So, start your response with declaring whether your answer is “yes” or “no” for the question, describe your opinion and make some conclusion at the end by using those patterns above.

Doubtless, I'm going to help you to become more confident in this part of the test by giving frequent topics and general key answers for them.

Here we go. Frequent subjects:

- ✓ Job or work
- ✓ Social matter (involvement, volunteering, pollution)
- ✓ School and education (futuristic advice, prospect, perspective)
- ✓ Relationships with people
- ✓ Family (parents, children, marriage)
- ✓ Health and wellness
- ✓ Finance and money issue (bank loan, salary decrease, money management)

- ✓ Direction (public transportation, how to get there)
- ✓ Hardship (mistake, damage, loss)

So, try to think about and complete your answers on those topics. Also try to make them more general to use them on your official test.

Okay, here I'm giving you my **key answers** or **examples**.

If the question is about "How do you think, is that good if ... / someone wants to do something / someone has his opinion or habits / someone wants to change something, etc." you can use the next idea, or general phrases, answer.

"I can't completely agree or disagree with this statement because, in my opinion, it depends on every individual person and every individual situation.

If someone/family/this company/society/ wants to ... if it's legal, that's okay. Go ahead!

Fortunately, we live in a free country with the responsible government and nice people. And I strongly believe that everyone has to be peaceful, polite to each other.

I think, no one has the right to press or push you, burst into your personal private life and tell you what to do or how to live if you don't ask them about it or let them to do that. You can live your life that way you want if it doesn't violate the law, for sure.

Try to abstain from people who are judging you, or force you, who isn't a nice person. And also try to be better for others

I'm sure, that we have to live in a harmony with nature, community, in a harmony and love with each other. And then our life will be much more successful and happy and easy. It's your life and only you are responsible for it. Don't let anybody destroy your life.

More love, people!

That's what I think about this question."

If the question is about a company and employee.

"As far as I'm concerned, I really think that every company, every employer has to care about their employees.

Everyone wants to work happily, in a harmony with co-workers, with management and with a boss. And everyone wants to be heard and understood.

So, in my opinion, if you are a manager, the best way to improve productivity is to create excellent friendly atmosphere for your workers. Have meetings with your employees and hear their needs. Forbid any negativity in your office. And please, never control, or press, or force your employees.

Because, nobody will work efficiently under pressure, with no energy and passion about the work. Instead, give them tons of motivation and then you get high productivity, happy workers and the best company.

That's my point of view about this type of the question."

If the question is about an unpleasant work.

"Most people I know hate their jobs. Many of them believe it's meaningless, mechanical, monotonous, moronic work. And these are not good thoughts. These are soul destroying thoughts.

The more you think about negative things, problems all the time, the more negative stuff you attract into your life.

So, at first, what you want to do is just try to do your work the best. Focus on yourself and your clients, give your clients and your company the best help. Forbid any negativity in your office.

Turn this process to another level, look at the situation and think... Maybe it's a springboard to change something or to change your company or job.

That's what I think about this question."

If the question is about working at the retirement age.

"In my opinion, there are not any reasons to keep working people who are by the retirement age. Definitely, they have a good experience, but I think, now it's less important than the modern knowledge that young employees can bring.

Our modern society needs more enthusiastic people, energetic people, people who can communicate with intelligence and passion, who can create new technologies, who can build teams and use the newest knowledge.

But, on the other hand, we don't want to throw out any employee because of their age and replace them with a younger one. Many people enjoy working longer or they simply need to work. I think we have to find suitable ways to support and help them.

That's my point of view on this type of the question."

If the question is about additional holidays.

"I absolutely agree with the statement that people need more holidays. Doubtless, who doesn't like holidays?

There is sound psychological advice that the more we work hard – the more we have to rest. Our brain needs to rest, our body needs to relax and our soul needs to refresh.

These days most people work full-time jobs, very often they have over-time jobs and it's really stressful. That's why there are so many people with depression, with different kind of diseases or other troubles.

Some people have to carve out high-quality family or personal time because of their jobs. So, I think holidays are the best time to spend with your family and friends, to have a good talk and enjoyment.

That's what I think about this type of the question. "

If the question is about salary increasing.

"We always want to have more, to get more things, more money, bigger house and so on. And everyone wants to earn a good living.

In general, the more salary increase – the more expensive life becomes; the higher prices.

On the other hand, decreasing salary is not good for the population. Nobody wants to be poor and get a low payment for high-quality work.

So, in my opinion, the solution is that we have to improve and grow in things what we do. Always try to invest in yourself, take courses, study more, get a degree, or at least, read more and learn by yourself. Be a champion in your career. And then you can easily find a super, high-income job. Then you will succeed.

That's my point of view on this type of the question."

If the question is about money management.

"We always want to have more, to get more things, more money, a bigger house and so on. Probably we earn a good living, but at the end of the month we have no money left, we can't let us buy something that we really want and we feel unhappy.

The reason is – we don't know how to manage our money. A big part of our budget goes to our liabilities: credits, mortgage and so on. We have to think about how to get rid of it faster or learn how to operate our income in the right way.

The simplest way, in my mind, is we need to simplify our life and start enjoying it. For example, if you want to go on vacation somewhere, you want to plan it and try to allocate money for your trip. Take, let's say, 10% from each of your paychecks and set aside. Then, after a while, you will enjoy your vacation time!

That's what I think about this question."

If the question is about your job vs your family.

"We always want to have more, to get more things, more money, a bigger house and so on. We want to be more successful in life, we work harder and just get more fear and stress instead of happiness.

Some people have to curve out high-quality family or personal time because of their jobs. I think it's not normal. Of course, you need to work to

earn a living but don't let your job to own you. Simplify your life, spend more time with your family and people you love, be happy with your job and try to make happy people around you. That's the real life.

Don't try to get more and become depressed, don't destroy the relationships with your family, put your happiness in the first place and then your work.

That's my point of view on this type of the question."

If the question is about relationships between parents and children.

"I cannot completely agree or disagree with the statement that parents have the right to tell their children how to live, because I think, it depends on every individual person and every individual situation.

What I really believe is that parents have to support their children, appreciate their choice and become the best friends for them during all life.

Your parents are the closest people for you, they are your family. We need to support each other, help each other and always love.

Definitely, your mother and father can give you advice or tell you their point of view on your own life, but only you decide whether to accept it or not. Only you are responsible for your future and for your life. And I absolutely admit that there can't be any businesses between those people. Only love and care.

That's what I think about this question."

If the question is about the education system.

"What I really believe is that we have to change our education. I'm not suggesting that we have to throw out everything that schools do now, but I'm suggesting we have to try different things and look what works.

Now, our schools are focusing on tests and they are preparing people for more school, not for real life.

We're not living in 19-th or 20-th century anymore. We're not preparing kids for factories now. We need kids and adults who can communicate, who can stand up in front of a group and communicate with intelligence and passion. People who can create things, who can build teams, who are experts and leaders, who know how to find knowledge and use it. Not just memorize things and take tests.

We need education that is focusing on the human being and prepare people for real life.

That's my point of view on this type of the question."

If the question is about health and weight loss.

"We have to live a healthy life. I think that the most diseases we have today are because of our poor diet and low activity. And that's not only my

opinion. There are many scientific researches about this.

Consumption of sugary food and drinks, fast food, trans fats, all of that junk stuff is not healthy and helpful for our bodies. We are limited in good macro- and micronutrients. That's why there are so many overweight people, diabetic people and allergic people. That's why we have high risk of cancer and heart attack.

Let us consider another very important factor – movement. Our bodies like moving, running and doing lots of exercises. We have to be more active, more energetic.

So, we should eat healthy and clean food, add more fresh vegetables and fruits to our meal, consume good portions of lean protein, complex carbohydrates, and unsaturated fat. And, of course, increase our active life.

That's what I think about this question."

If the question is about volunteering.

"What I really believe is that we have to build our world better. We need to be more peaceful and nicer to other people.

We cannot live for ourselves alone. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men. We cannot be greedy and envious. We should care and volunteer for others, especially those who need it the most.

I always say "The more you give – the more you receive." And that's true. People, who care about other people, who are connected to other people, they are healthier, stronger, more successful and happy.

If you are rich, that's great! Now, you have to go to the other level and think how you can contribute to your friends, your community, to the world, and other people.

That's my point of view about this type of question."

If the question is about connecting between people in social media.

"We cannot live for ourselves alone. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.

Connection is very important for us. And in these days, we have many opportunities to connect with people all over the world. We've gotten a chance to find more new friends online. And that's great!

In modern society, many people are very busy; it becomes really hard to find good friends in real life.

But there are the internet, forums and social networks. Yes, you cannot hug your friend on the other side of the display, but you can have a real person to communicate with and share emotions. And who knows, maybe some days you will meet face-to-face.

That's my point of view about this type of question."

If the question is about taking pictures of celebrities by paparazzi.

"On the one hand, some celebrities like to be conspicuous all the time, even if they swear and yell at a photographer.

On the other hand, I think nobody has a right to burst into your private personal life if you don't ask them or let them to do that.

Famous stars are humans as well. They also need to relax after their hard work and tours. They also want to spend time with their families and children. So, in my opinion, we have to be polite to them, understand their feelings, and let them live their own lives.

Obviously, we see what happened with princess Diana and her friend where they were trying to run away from the paparazzi. Isn't it too high price for one picture? I think journalists have to learn from that lesson.

In modern society, when we become hyper-competitive we may lose touch with honor, decency, and humanity, and we almost always lose touch with each other.

That's my point of view about this type of the question."

If the question is about the economy and ecology.

"We are destroying the planet Earth, because we are consuming too much.

Our economies are too big, our population is too big, our companies are too big. Our planet is being destroyed. We have many environmental problems, such as big population, global warming, climate changing, pollution, and so on. We have to do something to protect the planet Earth. We need smaller economies, more local economies, more green economies.

We all know that people are suffering everywhere in the world because of bad ecology. Why the ecology becomes bad? Oh, it's just because our economy and people consume too much: water, green forests, and many other natural resources. We are polluting our planet.

I think we must do something on an economic and government level.

That's my point of view about this type of question."

If the question is about free transportation.

"In my opinion, if the government can implement free public transportation for its population - that would be great.

What I really believe is that the transportation should be free for people with special needs (because we don't want to lose touch with humanity), for retired people (because they deserve it), and for children (because they are our future and they can't earn a living).

On the other hand, I think the transportation can't be free. There are some reasons:

First, because the transport infrastructure is hyper expensive and takes a long time to build.

Second, providing free transportation would be a huge part of the budget. And the government needs to manage many other important services.

That's what I think on this type of question."

Now, I would like to show you how you can remake this text for another similar question. For example, if the question is about free education, you can use the same text, but just replace a few phrases (that's the main idea I'm trying to deliver for you).

"In my opinion, if the government can implement free education for its population - that would be great.

What I really believe is that education should be free for people with special needs (because we don't want to lose touch with humanity), for talented people (because they deserve it), and for smart students from low-income families (because we have to give them a chance).

On the other hand, I think the education can't be free. There are some reasons:

First, because the education infrastructure is hyper expensive and takes a long time to build.

Second, providing free education would be a huge part of the budget. And the government needs to manage many other important services.

That's what I think about this type of question."

As you have probably noticed, I often used the same or similar phrases and sentences in many answers for different questions. That's because I wanted to show you that the answers may be general and fit well for many topics. That's the point.

So, I gave you my version, my point of view about those questions. Of course, you can agree or disagree with me, or have your own thoughts. So, think about it, make your speech/answers or supplement my examples with your ideas and details.

TASK 8 – DESCRIBING AN UNUSUAL SITUATION

Finally, you got to the last task in the speaking test. This one is pretty similar to task three, where you need to describe a scene in a picture. The difference is that the object or the situation in the picture may be slightly unusual and strange, but not always.

For this task you'll be asked to describe objects like unusual animals, furniture, buildings, clothes, any things or strange scenes.

You want to describe the scene to someone who can't see it, using a variety of words and phrases that help you to do it accurately and as best as you can. Here again, you have to speak directly to someone who will be mentioned in the question.

Start speaking with an overview, then describe precisely what you see including all key aspects and using **adjectives** (exhausting, amusing, disgusting, excited, confused, etc.), **phrasal verbs** (break down, bump up, freeze over, stick it out), **collocations** (desperately sad, bitterly disappointed, affordable housing, within commuting distance), **idioms** (go to the ends of the earth, second best, once in a blue moon, in a dire need). If it's hard for you to think of those precise phrases, put together simple words that you know and can use easily to explain your meaning.

At the end, try to leave some time to say the concluding.

Okay, here are a few **patterns** you can use for this task:

"Hello, Sir! I'm calling because..."

"Hi, Bob! I'm at our local art gallery and I found such a really incredible picture here that can fit very well in your office."

"Hello! I'm calling to see if you have..."

"I would like to describe it for you as best as I can."

"It looks like..."

"It looks unbelievable."

"It's made out of..."

"There is something going on fabulous."

"In the middle / on the right / on the left, etc., there is..."

"I've never seen anything like this in my life."

Examples:

You see a painting at an art exhibit that you would like to buy, but you are not allowed to take a photo. Phone a family member and provide a clear description of the painting and ask if you can buy this painting.



“Hi, mom! I’m at our local art gallery and I’m looking at a magnificent painting that can fit well to my little sister’s room. I would like to describe it for you.

In the center of the picture, there is a gorgeous little girl sleeping on a stripy rag on the green grass among fluffy white clouds. Her snowy shaggy hair scattered around her and three red-headed cats resting on the hair. Another two kittens are sitting before her on the grass. There are also some blue flowers in the hair.

Her bright blue pajamas go well with her beautiful delicate face with long lashes and plump lips.

I feel a slight hesitation in buying this painting, so I’m asking your opinion.”

You found an unusual animal at your backyard. Call the local animal shelter. Provide a full description of the animal and ask if anyone has lost it.



“Hello! Is this the animal shelter? Great! I’m calling because I have discovered an incredible animal in my backyard.

At first, I thought it was a huge cotton ball because it looks exactly like cotton. But when I came up to it I found that this is an animal!

It looks like a white rabbit, but this one is much bigger with long downy hair that covers its legs and even eyes. It has a tiny cute grey muzzle and gray ears that slightly noticeable from its hair.

I have a burning desire to leave this animal at my home, but I think it has an owner because it’s not afraid to stay at close range.

Could you come and pick it up or tell me who can I turn to for help?”

You are hiking in mountains with your friends and you found a girl who gets lost. Call to the mountain service. Provide a full description of the situation and ask for help.



“Hello! Is this the mountain service? Oh, good! I’m calling because my friends and I found a young lady who is lost.

She told us that she was biking with her friends and suddenly went astray. The girl wanted to go with us, but we weighed up the options and came to a decision that she’s not ready to continue hiking.

Her location is on the North in a few miles from the Huge Rock. She stays next to big sharp rocks in bushes. She’s wearing black pants, an orange T-shirt, and a blue helmet. She also has her blue bike with camping roll mat and black bag on the bike.

Could you please pick her up because she is really scared?”

Okay, usually you will need to describe the picture or situation, but also you may be asked to deal with some sort of problem where you must to describe the scene and solve a problem (like you see in the last example).

So, accurately describe the picture that you see and stay on topic. Include a wrap-up sentences that might state the test taker’s opinion.

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You need to pass CELPIP Exam. You are really worried, you feel stressful. But the more you think about judgment, the more you think about a test score, the more nervous you become, the more worried you become. And that's not helpful. You actually learn more slowly when you're worried. You learn more slowly when you're nervous, when you have anxiety.

You feel stressful because you know how hard you need to study to get a good result on your English test.

I want to say to you, STOP IT! Stop struggling yourself, stop thinking about the problems with English that you might not have, stop making English so difficult and boring! Studying English and preparing for the test can be easy!

You're going to study English, of course. But your focus is on the content. This is so, so important. The **secret** is that you must choose the content for studying English which you love, which you are interested in the most. You need to focus on it if you want to prepare for your CELPIP Exam very quickly.

You don't need to struggle with learning English. You don't need to push yourself to study English. It never helps, it makes your motivation very low, it makes you unhappy and ultimately, you learn less.

So, to succeed in English and in CELPIP Exam you have to use the best methods. This is the most important **secret**.

Method #1 is listening.

Method #2 is reading.

That's the best way to learn and improve in English.

Listen to English all the time. Listen to podcasts, listen to the radio, the television, be focused on an auditory method. Another thing you have to do is reading English, but not textbooks. Read novels, storybooks, magazines, articles, read something for fun every day.

Another key secret is that you need to focus on meaning and interest. In other words, always choose English materials that are interesting for you, that have meaning for you. Focus on the story in the book and not focus on grammar and vocabulary. It all will come automatically.

Reading is very powerful for learning grammar, writing skills, and vocabulary. Reading for pleasure, reading for fun. Even if you feel you're not very good in English – read! Start reading a lot of easy books that you can understand. It might be just children's novels or comic books. And you should not use a dictionary very often while reading. If you don't understand the text, choose an easier book.

And the same in listening. Choose listening that is interesting and fun and meaningful for you. You are just reading and listening and enjoying yourself. You do that first, the grammar skills, the speaking skills then come later.

Enjoy the process of learning English. Of course, it's just more fun, you're going to like it a lot better. But the benefit is that you actually will learn faster. With these two secrets of learning language you'll improve your grammar faster, you'll improve your speaking and pronunciation faster. You'll remember vocabulary words better and faster. You will increase your results on the test. Trust me!

CELPPIP is a kind of a test where you need to think not only about speaking ability, but you have to be pretty competent in many ways. Even so, if they tell you that it doesn't matter what is your answer, but actually you must give the full one. And what if your mind keeps coming up empty?

So, here is the next recommendation for you. Listen and watch materials that help you to increase self-development, world outlook. They may be the foundation of your ideas, the base of your answers.

In my opinion, the best way to find those materials is YouTube. Find channels that you are interested in, listen to the bloggers and experts who are enthusiasts, who can inspire you. Listen to the speakers on TED Talks. It's really helpful and useful for English learning and for answering ideas on the test.

Also, I highly recommend finding a really good English teacher named AJ Hoge. You can watch his channel on YouTube, go to his Effortless English Club, read his book or listen to his courses ... anything you can get from AJ Hoge is fantastic. Many ideas I have given you in this book based on his materials.

And another point from **the secret of success** is repetition and practice. Yes, you need to take actions every day. Of course, action is the most important part. Think what you would talk about one or another question in every Speaking Task. If you have ideas about possible questions write them down immediately and make the answers on them. It would be good to write down your answers. You will remember them better with all of important strong words and phrases.

And then read and practice your speech. Practice with the patterns I gave you for every task, practice with the key general answers, practice with your ideas or any ideas you can get. But do that every day. Repeat your answers again and again and again.

So, that's what I want you to do. This is your homework for every day at least until you pass the CELPIP Test. You can start with this book now. And

you can follow my plan using the recommendations, the patterns, the ideas. You can add more to this, of course. Keep getting better and better.

By following this system for every day, you will get a lot more repetition, you will be more confident on your CELPIP Test, and you will be prepared to the test completely. And your benefit will be a high score and what is more – your English learning will be deeper. You won't forget this, you will still remember this, and your English learning will never be hard and stressful anymore.

Okay, then. Good luck on your CELPIP Test! I'm really wondering about each of you. And I'm looking forward to hearing about your results in the comments.