Thank you for joining Presto English CELPIP Training Session.

Please take a moment to read the following important details:

* Complete each exercise by the end of each day. Answer key will be provided the following day.
* Upload your written answers through this link <http://bit.ly/myCELPIP> (you need to enter your name and email address).
* **For the speaking exercise**, post your audio file on the telegram chat room. It’s highly beneficial to study together in a group, so do not be afraid to share your speaking response with others. This is a valuable opportunity to learn from one another.
* If you have questions, please ask your questions in the chat room, as others may have the same questions.

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**Each sentence contains grammatical error(s). Fix the errors to make it grammatical.  
These sentences are adapted from the sentences in your assessment test.**

**Your grammar is important if you want to do well in the writing test (i.e. you need level 8 or above), because wrong grammar lowers your coherence, your readability and possibly your vocabulary score too.**

1. I prefer to spend as much as possible time with my kids.

I prefer to spend as much as possible time with my kids

1. Going out with friends is really fun but, I do not consider that I feel relax as much as I am when I’m at home.

Going out with friends is really fun; however I don’t feel relaxed when I am at home.

1. He usually spend one hour playing piano everyday.

Everyday he usually spend one hour playing piano.

1. He was kind enough to lend to me when my laptop broke.

When my laptop got broke, he was kind to lend me his laptop.

1. By nature, I am calm and peace lover. I prefer staying at home and relax rather going out.

I am peace loving and calm by nature. I prefer to stay at home and relax instead of going out

1. Being at home and relaxing will help in rejuvenating both physically and mentally.

Being at home and relaxing will help to rejuvenate both mentally and physically.

1. I just asked to my sister to help me move my furnitures.

I just asked my sister to help me to move my furnitures.

1. Hangout with my friends can reduce my pressure with work.

Hanging out with my friends can help me to reduce pressure from work

1. I suggest you to go talk to this guy. He knows his stuffs.

I suggest you go and talk to that guy. He knows his stuff.

1. The homework must submit online by the end of the day.

The homework must be submitted online by the end of the day

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**Complete each sentence by using a word from the list below. Each word can be used more than once.**

Discretion - accommodate – accomplish – demonstrate – drain – elaborate - hinder - interfere-interference - interrupt- interruption – irritate - measures – outweigh - trigger

1. We decided to take cost-cutting \_\_\_\_\_\_ to keep the company from going under.
2. It’s not my \_\_\_\_\_\_ to pick the location, but I’ve shared my opinion.
3. My stubbornness actually \_\_\_\_\_\_ my progress. I made a lot of mistakes because I didn’t listen.
4. The man kept \_\_\_\_\_\_ the woman while she was giving her presentation.
5. The increase in minimum wage \_\_\_\_\_\_ the government’s commitment to improving the welfare of its people.
6. You should use your own \_\_\_\_\_\_ when deciding what’s best for you.
7. I don’t think I can \_\_\_\_\_\_ your request. It’s beyond my ability.
8. The heart attack was \_\_\_\_\_\_ by stress.
9. You can \_\_\_\_\_\_ `anything you want as long as you put your mind to it.
10. In my view, the benefits certainly \_\_\_\_\_\_ the drawbacks.
11. My coworker at the office keeps \_\_\_\_\_\_ in my work. He needs to mind his own business.
12. The restaurant can \_\_\_\_\_\_ up to 20 people.
13. Your aggressive attitude is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the conflicts in your relationship.
14. What \_\_\_\_\_\_ me the most is the noise in the middle of the night.
15. The cardio exercise completely \_\_\_\_\_\_ my energy.
16. Allow me to \_\_\_\_\_\_ further, so you can understand my circumstance.

**Answers:**

**1. measures**

**2. Discretion**

**3. hinder**

**4. interupting**

**5. accomplish**

**6. Discretion**

**7. accommodate**

**8. trigger**

**9. accomplish**

**10. outweigh**

**11. interfere**

**12. accommodate**

**13. interference**

**14. irritate**

**15. drain**

**16. elaborate**

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**Part 2 – Listening to a Daily Life Conversation**

**Answer the following questions based on the audio clips. Listen to the questions.**

1. c

a. can’t find a teacher c. can’t find the classroom

b. doesn’t know her schedule d. She needs to register for a class

2. a

a. She is going to study English c. She is going to study International business

b. She is going to take a test d. She is going to take a school tour

3. a

a. three weeks ago c. when she was a child

b. last summer d. three months ago

4. b

a. She wants to start her own business c. She wants a dual-degree

b. It’s relevant to her father’s business d. She wants to work for Campbell Hall

5. d

a. There is too much competition c. There are no art classes available

b. She will be far from her grandmother d. She can’t improve her English

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**Read the passage**

The 50-million-year-old fossils of an ancient whale found in the foothills of the mountains give strong evidence that modern whales are descended from a four-legged, land-dwelling animal. The fossils consist of part of the skull, some teeth, and the well-preserved middle ear of an animal that was 6 to 8 feet long, weighed about 350 pounds, had a wolf-like snout, and had two foot-long jaws with sharp, triangular teeth. It is the mi ddle ear that suggests that the ancient whale lived on land. Analysis indicated that the animal had eardrums, which would not have worked in water and which modern whales have only in vestigial form. Furthermore, the right and left ear bones were not isolated from each other. The separation of these bones in marine whales enables them to detect the direction of underwater sounds.

**Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE?**

1. The 50-million-year-old fossils are most likely from a four-legged, land-dwelling animal.
2. The fossils are 6 to 8 feet long and about 350 pounds in weight.
3. The whale's skull, teeth, and middle ear are evidence that the mountains were once under water.
4. Because eardrums do not function under water, the ancient whale probably lived on land.
5. Whales with eardrums would not be able to hear well in the water.
6. A marine whale can recognize the source of a sound because the middle ear is in a vestigial form.
7. When the right and left ear bones are isolated from each other, a whale can detect the direction of underwater sounds.
8. Whales with isolated right and left ear bones live in the sea.

**ANSWERS (T/F):**

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. T
6. F
7. T
8. T

**Write Agree if the second sentence agrees with the first sentence and write Disagree if the second sentences disagrees with the first sentence.**

Example:A) This building is the tallest in the country. B) There is no other building that’s taller than this building. **ANSWER: Agree**

1. A) Justin Trudeau officially announces plans to ban single-use plastics as early as 2021.  
   B) It is expected that one-time-use plastics will no longer be allowed in Canada by 2021.
2. A) A full list of banned items isn't yet set in stone, but that list could also include items like cotton swabs, drink stirrers, plates and balloon sticks.

B) It is known for a fact that cotton swabs will be banned when the policy goes into effect.

1. A) The government will research what items it should ban, and they'll follow the model chosen by the European Union, which voted in March to also ban products made of oxo-degradable plastics, such as bags.

B) The Canadian policy will be dissimilar to the European’s.

1. A) Trudeau also revealed intentions to make companies that manufacture plastic products or sell them to take responsibility for recycling their plastic waste.

B) Trudeau plans to have companies involved in the recycling effort.

1. A) Environment and Climate Change Canada says Canadians throw away more than 34 million plastic bags every day that often wind up in landfills, and it can take as long as 1,000 years for them to decay.

B) 15 million plastic bags will take approximately 500 years to decay.

1. A) Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the U.K. and the European Union signed on to the Ocean Plastics charter at the G7 summit in Charlevoix, Quebec, agreeing to find ways to deal with marine plastics litter.

B) The countries will start the recycling effort in Charlevoix before moving into other cities and countries.

1. A) In 2016, only nine per cent of plastic waste was recycle d in Canada and 87 per cent ended up in landfills.

B) The majority of the plastic waste in Canada was not recycled.

1. A) Canada has recently been roasted in international headlines after dozens of containers of rotting garbage and contaminated recyclables sat festering in the Philippines.

B) Media around the world recently applauded Canada for its recycling effort.

1. A) The company that sent the mis-labelled containers is no longer operating and Ottawa is spending $1.14 million to bring those cargo containers back to Canada for disposal.

B) The government is on the hook for the cost of transporting the containers because the company which sent them is not in business anymore.

**ANSWER**

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. Disagree
4. Agree
5. Disagree
6. Disagree
7. Agree
8. Disagree
9. Agree

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**WRITING PRACTICE**

You are a frequent visitor of a grocery chain in your area. However, whenever you go there, there’s a wait to get a grocery cart and you noticed that some of them are in poor condition.

Write an email in about 150-200 words to the manager, and include the following things:

* Describe why you like going to that grocery store
* Explain the problems with the store
* Suggest solutions to the problems

**TIPS**Despite the instruction, **write between 190-220 words**. Make sure to write in paragraphs.   
Opening paragraph – the reason you’re writing the email + background information  
Body paragraphs – The main message (answer all the questions given to you with **DETAILS**)  
Last paragraph – a closing paragraph – write according to the context and topic

Dear Store Manager,

My name is Tom Henkel, and I am one of the regular customers at your grocery store. I am writing today to express my concerns regarding the old fleet and increased wait time of shopping carts.

I have been a prime member of your store since 2016. The store is close to my home, which is the primary reason I prefer to shop from your shop. The facility also provides all the required groceries like organic carrots, beans, etc. I also appreciate the discount offers, especially the additional perks as a prime member.

Lately, I have seen some problems with shopping carts. Some of the carts have missing equipment’s like their wheels, holding bar and have pointy corners. This had caused a lot of problem for old people like me. Last Friday, I accidently spilled milk due to sharpen edge in the shopping cart; this was an embarrassing situation for me.

I like to suggest some solutions that can help to alleviate the situation. Firstly, I recommend updating or replacing the old fleet of carts. Additionally, I request to increase the number of carts in order to reduce the wait time.

I am optimistic that you will consider my request and take appropriate action against the cart problem.

I am looking forward to your response.

Thanks

Tom

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**Read and study the expressions below.**

Learn these expressions when you are describing a picture. You can use them describe the position of an object in the picture.

in the foreground

in the background

on the right-hand side of the picture

at the bottom right of the picture

in the middle

to the left of/to the right of

in the upper left corner/in the bottom right corner

**Learn phrases to indicate that you are speculating, if you are not 100% sure of who, what or where**. Words like **It seems that/I suspect/Probably** are quite useful when you make predictions.

Watch our YouTube video if you want to learn more.

**Additional examples:**

**At this rate** – used to say that something will happen if the situation continues

At this rate, the guy will miss the train because the door is about to close

**There’s a good chance** - used to say that something is likely to happen

There’s a good chance he will contact the police to report the incident.

**There’s no chance** – opposite of the above

**Now for …,** - can be used to move on to your next subject of prediction

Now for the man with a fedora hat, he will probably start shouting at the kids.

**Future and Future Perfect tense** – to say an action will be completed in the future

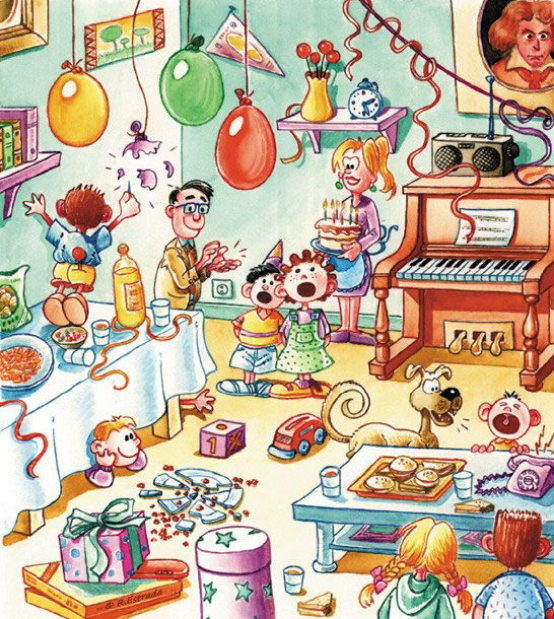
They will have finished their meal, and they will join the rest of the group outside.

**Record your response to this topic and send your response in the Telegram group.**

**You can try to use the expressions above if you think it’s appropriate, but it’s not mandatory.**

**You can make more than one attempt, but send your best response.**

**Speaking Part 3 (Describing a scene)**



**In the test, you have 30 seconds to prepare and 60 seconds to answer.**

**Q: Describe some things that are happening in the picture below as well as you can. The person whom you are speaking to cannot see the picture.**

**TIPS**

If you have no idea on how to answer, I would like to suggest the following structure. You can also review the video guide on our YouTube channel.

* Opening, general description of the picture (the picture shows/illustrates/depicts …, it’s a picture of …)
* Describe the situation/what happens, AVOID listing objects in the picture
* To help, you can start from left to right, or top to bottom
* It’s good to use reference points (e.g. in the middle, on the top left…)

**Speaking Part 4 (Making predictions)**

**In the test, you have 30 seconds to prepare and 60 seconds to answer.**

SAMPLE Structure

* INTRO (I will try to predict…)
* GIVE predictions
* ADD your reasoning + details
* CLOSING

**Q: What do you think will most probably happen next?**

**TIPS:**

**Do not make too many predictions.**

**You can choose 3-4 predictions to talk about during your preparation.**

**Present each prediction in more than one sentence and give some details.**