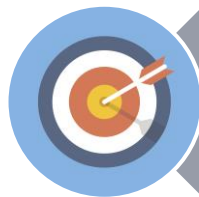# AGENDA

CELPIP Brief Overview

CELPIP Speaking Section

What makes the speaking section challenging?

Five Proven Strategies to Instantly Boost Your CELPIP Speaking Scores
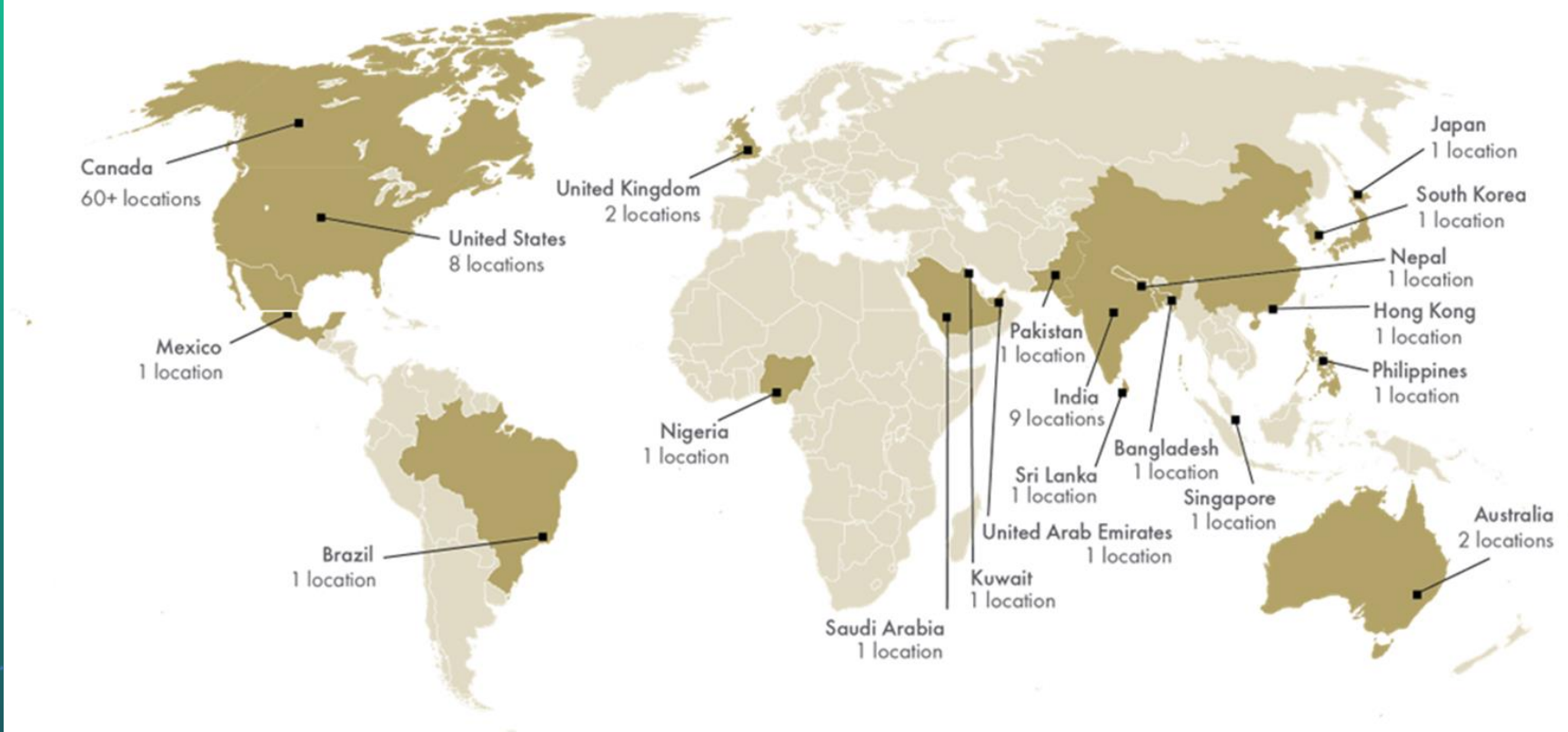
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- Accepted by **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)** as proof of English language proficiency for permanent residency
- Accepted by the **Australian Office of Home Affairs** for visa applications
- Accepted for **PGWP** Applications
- Accepted by numerous professional organizations, including:
  - College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (CICC)
  - Real Estate Council of British Columbia (RECBC)

CELPIP LS

- Accepted by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) as proof of English language proficiency for Canadian **citizenship**

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Global Reach
190+ Test Centres &
growing!

Canada
60+ locations

United States
8 locations

Mexico
1 location

Brazil
1 location

United Kingdom
2 locations

Nigeria
1 location

Saudi Arabia
1 location

Kuwait
1 location

United Arab Emirates
1 location

Sri Lanka
1 location

Pakistan
1 location

India
9 locations

Bangladesh
1 location

Singapore
1 location

Japan
1 location

South Korea
1 location

Nepal
1 location

Hong Kong
1 location

Philippines
1 location

Australia
2 locations

CLB ALIGNMENT

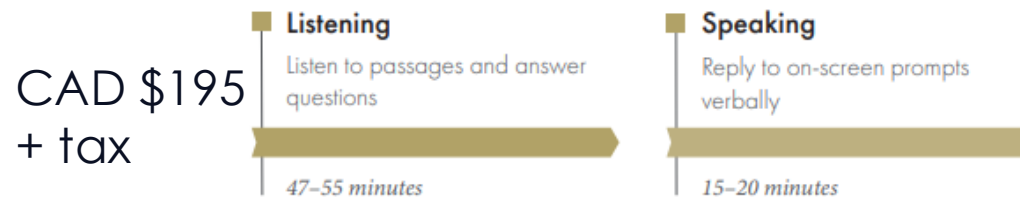| Test Level Descriptor	CELPIP Level	CLB Level
Advanced proficiency in workplace and community contexts	12	12
Advanced proficiency in workplace and community contexts	11	11
Highly effective proficiency in workplace and community contexts	10	10
Effective proficiency in workplace and community contexts	9	9
Good proficiency in workplace and community contexts	8	8
Adequate proficiency in workplace and community contexts	7	7
Developing proficiency in workplace and community contexts	6	6
Acquiring proficiency in workplace and community contexts	5	5
Adequate proficiency for daily life activities	4	4
Some proficiency in limited contexts	3	3
Limited ability in contexts related to immediate needs	2	1, 2
Insufficient information to assess	1	/
Insufficient information to assess	0	/
Not Administered: test taker did not receive this test component	NA	/

CELPIP Test Format (for permanent residency, express entry, PGWP and provincial nominee programs).
The total test time is approximately 3 hours and is completed in one sitting. International test fees may vary.

CAD $290 + tax

Listening
Listen to passages and answer questions

47–55 minutes

Reading
Read passages and answer questions

55–60 minutes

Writing
Respond to questions with written answers

53–60 minutes

Speaking
Reply to on-screen prompts verbally

15–20 minutes

CELPIP LS Test Format (for Canadian citizenship applications)
The CELPIP LS total test time is approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes and is completed in one sitting. Test price is $195 CAD + tax.

CAD $195 + tax

Listening
Listen to passages and answer questions

47–55 minutes

Speaking
Reply to on-screen prompts verbally

15–20 minutes

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Test Format

Speaking
15–20 mins

Component features:

- Some tasks are text only.
- Some tasks are text with an image.
- Each task has preparation time and speaking time.
- Responses are recorded and rated later.

Component format:

Number of Questions	Component Sections
1	Practice Task
1	Task 1: Giving Advice
1	Task 2: Talking about a Personal Experience
1	Task 3: Describing a Scene
1	Task 4: Making Predictions
1	Task 5: Comparing and Persuading
1	Task 6: Dealing with a Difficult Situation
1	Task 7: Expressing Opinions
1	Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

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What Makes the Speaking Section Challenging

Time Pressure

Need to think quickly in English

Speaking Naturally

Nervousness

Vocabulary, Ideas and Grammar

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Five Proven **Strategies** to Instantly **Boost Your CELPIP Speaking Scores**

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Strategy 1

Time Pressure

Goal: Build comfort with the clock and learn to pace ideas (not too fast, not too slow)

Tasks 1-8

Strategies

- Record Yourself
- Time Awareness

Practice at Home

- Daily 1 – Minute Challenge
- Topic Jar

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Sample Response

Building Up Response Time

15 seconds
"My favorite food is pizza. I like it because it has cheese, tomato sauce, and many toppings. I usually eat it on weekends with my family."

30 seconds
"My favorite food is pizza because it's delicious and easy to share. I usually order it on weekends when my family wants to eat something fun together. I like that I can choose different toppings, like mushrooms, olives, or even pineapple. Every time, it feels a little different."

45 seconds
"My favorite food is pizza, and I enjoy it because it's tasty, simple, and brings people together. On weekends, my family often orders pizza, and we each get to pick our favorite toppings. Personally, I like mushrooms, green peppers, and sometimes pineapple. I also have good memories from university when my friends and I would eat pizza during late-night study sessions. It's not only food, but also part of my happiest moments."

60 seconds
"My favorite food is pizza because it's delicious, versatile, and connected to some of my best memories. I usually eat it on weekends with my family, and it's always fun because everyone chooses different toppings. For me, mushrooms and green peppers are my go-to favorites, but I don't mind experimenting with unusual ones like pineapple. Beyond taste, pizza also reminds me of my student days. Back in university, my friends and I would often order pizza late at night while studying or celebrating small achievements. So when I eat pizza today, it's not just about enjoying the flavor — it also makes me feel happy and connected to the people I love."

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Strategy 2

Train Your Brain to Think in English

Goal: Train your brain to respond naturally in English without mentally translating.

Tasks 1 – 3 & 7

Strategies

- Daily Observations
- Slow is Smooth and Smooth is Fast
- Shift Your Internal Dialogue
- Daily Activities/Routines
- Thoughts/Opinions
- Short Stories

Practice at Home

- Create English "Zones"
- Surround Yourself with English
- Verbal Check-ins

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Sample Response

Description Response

- **Weak Response:**
"People are walking on the street and they look busy"

- **Good Response:**
"On a busy street, people are walking quickly to work. Some look distracted and are not paying attention to what is in front of them.

- **Strong Response:**

- "It's a busy morning on a city street. People are walking quickly to their offices, some checking their phones, others holding coffee or briefcases. Cars honk in the background, and there's a steady flow of movement. Everyone looks focused and in a bit of a hurry, trying to get to the office on time. The sun is shining on the glass buildings, and you can hear the soft buzz of traffic and voices from nearby cafés.

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Strategy 3
Speak Naturally

Goal: Improve fluency and flow by using everyday language, fillers, and natural rhythm.

Tasks 1 – 8

Strategies

- Communicate – Don't Memorize
- Use Everyday Language
- Vary your intonation

Practice at Home

- Role-Play with a Timer
- Daily Speaking Routines
- Shadowing Practice

SAMPLE RESPONSE

Prompt (Task 1 – Giving Advice): *"Your friend is nervous about starting a new job. What advice would you give them?"*

Sample 60-second Response (Natural Style):
"Well, I'd probably tell my friend that it's totally normal to feel nervous on the first day. Everyone feels that way. One thing that usually helps is preparing the night before, such as choosing your clothes, checking the route, and ensuring you know the schedule. Also, I'd remind them just to be themselves. Nobody expects them to be perfect right away. If they stay open, ask questions, and smile, people will usually respond positively. In a week or two, they'll feel much more comfortable. So really, take it step by step."

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Strategy 4

Nervousness

Goal: Turn nervous energy into confidence. Develop calm, automatic speaking habits to communicate clearly and confidently.

Tasks 1 – 8

Strategies

- Reframe the Test
- Control Your Breathing
- Focus on Communication
- Use Positive Visualization

Practice at Home

- Practice in Small Stress Steps
- Voice Relaxation Drills
- Use Background Noise

SAMPLE RESPONSE

Prompt (Task 2 – Talking About a Personal Experience): "Describe a time when you had to solve a problem quickly."

Sample 60-second Response (Calm Style):
"Let me think… one time, I was on my way to work, and my car wouldn't start. At first, I panicked a little because I didn't want to be late. But then I took a deep breath and thought about what I could do. I quickly called a colleague and explained the situation. Luckily, she lived nearby and offered me a ride. I made it on time, and I learned that staying calm really helps when things go wrong. If I had wasted time stressing, I would have been even later."

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Strategy 5

Vocabulary, Ideas, and Grammar

Goal: Train yourself to express clear, complete ideas without getting stuck on vocabulary or grammar. The focus is on fluency and coherence, delivering your message smoothly, instead of chasing perfection.

Tasks 1 – 8

Strategies

- Prioritize Communication Over Grammar or Vocabulary
- Organize Thoughts
- Accept Imperfection and Move On

Practice at Home

- Speaking Drill
- Paraphrasing Drill
- Recording and Review

SAMPLE RESPONSE

Prompt (Task 3 – Describing a Scene): "Look at this picture of a busy park. Describe what you see."

Sample 60-second Response (Fluency > Perfection):

"In the picture, I see a lot of people enjoying the park. On the left, there's a family sitting on a blanket — maybe they're having a picnic. Behind them, two kids are playing soccer, and one of them looks like he's about to kick the ball. In the middle, there's a man walking his dog. I can't remember the exact word for the thing he's holding, but it's the strap used to control the dog. On the right, a couple is riding bikes together. Overall, it looks like a very lively and happy scene where people are relaxing outdoors."

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CELPIP Path to Success

To help you prepare for your CELPIP test, we recommend this learning path that includes over 15 hours of free webinars, as well as 2 free practice tests. We also offer a variety of other free resources, as well as study materials for purchase on our online store. See pages 10-11 of this Guidebook to learn more about our prep options. For more information about our learning path, visit celpip.ca/prepare-for-celpip/prep-overview.
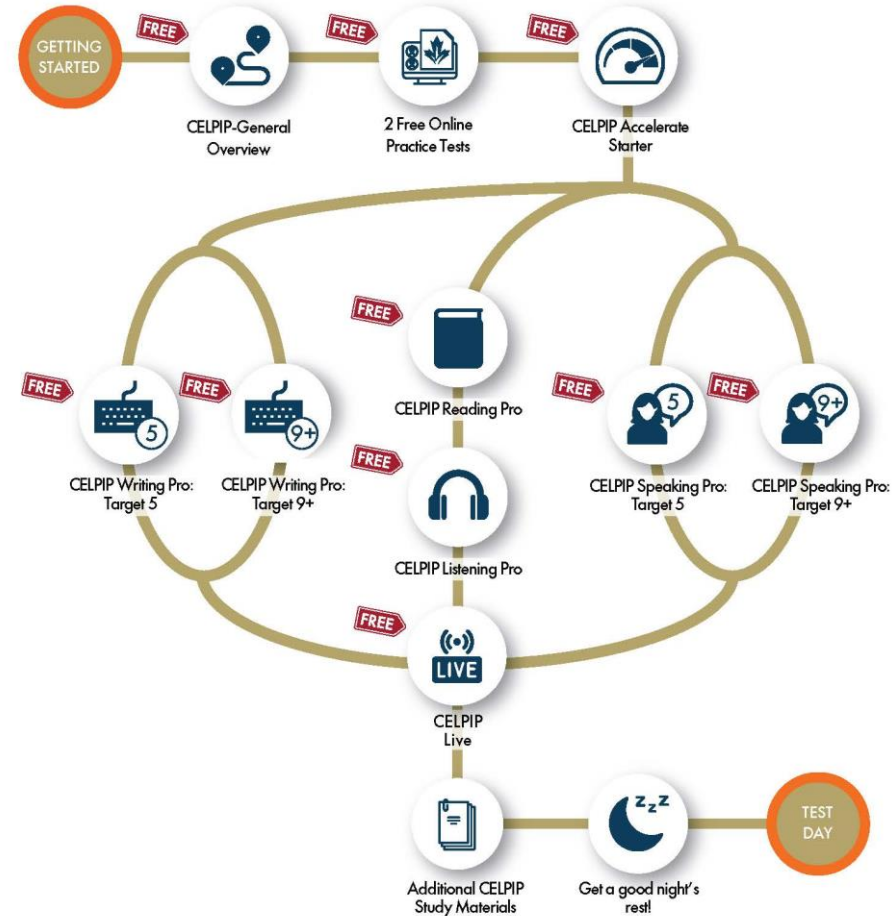
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