

CELPPIP

Writing Practice



20 Questions Answers

**Dear Mr. Parrot,
Please don't poop
on my keyboard.**



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to my CELPIP writing book! Thank you so much for buying my book and supporting my work! :)

I made this book to help you improve your writing score. The best way to improve your score is to **PRACTICE!** In this book, you will get lots of practice and useful tips.

You will see four parts to each question:



QUESTION



TIPS



KEY TERMS



MY ANSWER

Have you taken the free practice exam on the CELPIP website? Please take it before using this book so that you have a better understanding of the test's format. You can sign up for a free account at: www.celpip.ca



Test Format

| <u>Question</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| #1 | Writing an Email | 27 min |
| #2 | Survey Question | 26 min |



How To Use This Book

Practice writing your own answer to each question before reading my answers.

Anything you learn about English writing will help you do better on the test. Some people think, “What grammar do I need to pass the CELPIP exam?” Well, there is no such thing as “CELPIP grammar”. If you improve your English grammar, you will improve your CELPIP score. In this book, I will teach you some grammar, but this is not a grammar book. **The purpose of this book is to give you sample questions and answers.**

So, if you struggle with spelling, there are many free resources online to improve your spelling. Even though there is a spell checker on the test, it might not always know which word you are trying to spell. If you struggle with grammar or punctuation, just take a break from CELPIP for a while and use free online resources to improve in those areas. Then, after a while, you can start preparing specifically for CELPIP. Remember, the purpose of CELPIP is to evaluate your ENGLISH! :)



General Tips

1. How many words should you write?

Try to write between 150 and 200 words for each writing task. It's okay if you are a few words over or under, but after practicing with this book, you should be comfortable staying within the limit.

2. How are your typing skills?

Typing is challenging for some people. You can easily improve your typing skills by doing some free practice online. There are so many websites offering lessons, games, and tests! Here are a few I found.

<http://games.sense-lang.org/EN.php>

<https://www.typingclub.com/>

<https://www.speedtypingonline.com/typing-tutor>

<http://thetypingcat.com/typing-courses/funny>



Strategy

Think and Decide (5 minutes)

Think about the topic. What are your experiences or opinions on the topic? What reasons and examples could you talk about in your answer? Choose the answer that will be the easiest for you to talk about.

Make an Outline (5 minutes)

Having a simple outline will make your answer much easier to write and clearer to read.

Write your Answer (12 minutes)

Don't worry, your answer will only be about 10-15 sentences which is easy to write in 12 minutes! :)

Review your Answer (5 minutes)

Try to fix the small mistakes you made. This can really improve your score!



12 Sentence Model

Sentences are the most important part of English writing. In this book, I'm going to try to teach you how to write good sentences. It's important to have sentence variety in your answer.

Short sentences: under 10 words

Medium sentences: 10-20 words

Long sentences: more than 20 words

Let's assume your average sentence will be 15 words. That means you only need 12 sentences to reach 180 words. This is a good target because even if your sentences are a bit shorter or longer, you will stay within the word limit (150-200).

Each sentence should have a purpose. On the following page, I will give you a 12 sentence model that will help you structure your answer.



12 Sentence Model

There are many ways to get a perfect score on the writing tasks. You do not need to follow this model, but I think it could help you get a better score.

This model uses four paragraphs and a closing sentence.

Greetings

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Paragraph 2: Reason and examples

Paragraph 3: Reason and examples

Paragraph 4: Conclusion

Closing

Name

*** Task 2 — “Responding to a Survey” — does not need a greeting, closing, or name because surveys are usually anonymous (your identity is hidden).**



12 Sentence Model

Task 1

Greetings,

Sentence 1: Purpose of email

Sentence 2: Introduce situation

Sentence 3: Point 1

Sentence 4: Example

Sentence 5: More thoughts

Sentence 6: Point 2

Sentence 7: Example

Sentence 8: More thoughts

Sentence 9: Summarize situation

Sentence 10: Positive sentence

Sentence 11: Make request (optional)

Sentence 12: Closing sentence

Sign off,

Name



12 Sentence Model

Task 2

Sentence 1: State opinion

Sentence 2: Acknowledge advantages of other side

Sentence 3: Point 1

Sentence 4: More thoughts

Sentence 5: Example

Sentence 6: Point 2

Sentence 7: More thoughts

Sentence 8: Example

Sentence 9: Summarize situation

Sentence 10: Positive sentence

Sentence 11: Offer support

Sentence 12: Closing sentence

*** These models are just general guidelines. You'll see in my answers throughout this book that I sometimes add one or two sentences to the answer or take some sentences away. One model cannot fit every situation!**



Question 1

Your grandparents are planning a family gathering. They want to have a fun weekend somewhere. You know a perfect place to have the event. Write them an email and include the following things:

- Tell them about the place you have in mind.
- Talk about your experiences at the place.
- Describe what the family can do there.



Tips

There are two kinds of emails — formal emails and informal emails. You need to be comfortable with both kinds because either one could appear on the exam. The structure will be the same for both kinds, but the language will be different. If you're talking to your grandparents, you should use casual language. If you're writing to a politician, you should use formal language. In casual writing, it's okay to use contractions (I'm, it's, you're, etc), but in formal writing it's better not to use contractions (I am, you are, etc).



Key Terms

Quick (brief)

Amenities (useful features)

Family gathering (when an extended family gets together)

Blast (fun time)



My Answer

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

I just wanted to send you a quick email to talk about our family gathering this summer. I think it's a great idea to have a fun weekend together, and I know the perfect place!

There's a campground near Drumheller that has the perfect amenities to host a big group like our family. I went there last summer with my friends and we had a blast! We spent most of our time fishing, but there are lots of other things to do there.

Our family could do a lot of different activities at this place. It has mini golf, beach volleyball, canoe rentals, and an outdoor swimming pool! Our family could spend the days doing fun activities and then have good conversations around the campfire in the evenings.

Anyway, I just wanted to let you guys know about this place. I know the whole family would have a great time there! Should I book it for a weekend in July?

I look forward to seeing you!

Love,

Alex

Word count: 172



Question 2

Your city is considering building a new airport near your house. A survey is being conducted in your community to find out if the local residents support or oppose the project. If the project is approved, taxes would increase by 20% to pay for the project. The city's mayor estimates that the project will create 5000 new jobs in the area.

Which option do you prefer? Explain your choice.

Option A: Build the airport

Option B: Do not build the airport



Tips

Take a moment to think. What would you say for each side of the argument? Making outlines is not very complicated. Here are two simple outlines you could use.

Build

Reason 1 - more jobs

Reason 2 - more accessibility

Not build

Reason 1 - poor people can't afford taxes

Reason 2 - noise from the airplanes will ruin the peaceful community

Choose whatever option is easier for you!



Key Terms

Reap (receive)

Outweigh (exceed)

Boom (growth)

Eagerly (gladly)



My Answer

I personally think the airport should be built because it would benefit the community in several ways. Even though the taxes would increase temporarily, the residents would reap many rewards that would easily outweigh the costs.

The first benefit would be the economic boom our community would experience. Unemployment has risen significantly in recent years, and many young people in the community would love to have jobs. When Calgary expanded its airport, thousands of new jobs were created in the surrounding communities. I think the same will happen here.

The second benefit would be increased accessibility to the local communities. Having the airport nearby would increase the number of buses, subways, and taxis in the area — not to mention flights! When the train station was built in the south part of the city, it resulted in many more transportation options for the local residents.

Considering these reasons, our community would benefit greatly from having the airport nearby. Local residents are eagerly awaiting new opportunities and development. Again, these are my personal beliefs, but I will support whatever the city decides to do.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this issue.

Word count: 192

