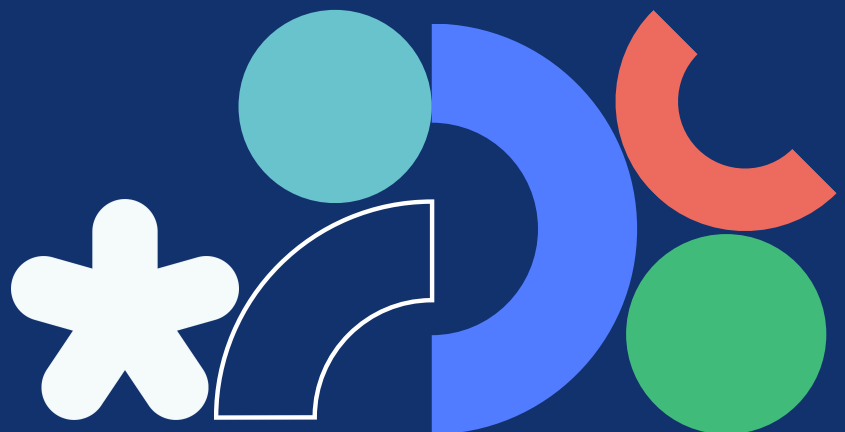




CELPIP Speaking Tasks 5–8: The Ultimate Level 12 Practice Pack (2026 Edition)

This guide provides the specific structures, vocabulary, and tactical drills needed to bridge the gap between a Level 8 and a Level 12. Use these frameworks to reduce your thinking time and sound like a natural, proficient communicator on test day.





Section 1: Task 5 – The "Soft Rejection" Template

In Task 5, you must acknowledge the other person's suggestion while proving your choice is superior.

The "Soft Rejection" Framework

1. **Greeting:** "Hi [Name]."
2. **The Validation:** "I saw your suggestion to choose, and I totally see why you liked it because [Positive detail about their choice]."
3. **The Pivot:** "However, I've been looking at the bigger picture, and I strongly believe that [Option A] is the more beneficial path for us."
4. **Point 1 (The Price):** "First, regarding the price, my option is much more economical. It only costs [Number], while yours is [Number]."
5. **Point 2 (The Features):** "Additionally, my choice is [Comparative adjective] because."
6. **The Closing:** "For these reasons, I think we should go with my suggestion. Let me know if you agree!"

Natural Number Pro-Tip

Never say "point zero zero" when reading prices.

1. **\$1200:** Say "Twelve hundred" or "Twelve hundred dollars flat."
2. **\$699.99:** Say "Six ninety-nine ninety-nine" or "Roughly seven hundred dollars."



★ Section 2: Task 6 – The Politeness "Sandwich"

In Canadian culture, "Longer is Politer". Use the "Sandwich" method to deliver bad news without losing marks for tone.

The "Conflict Sandwich" Template

- **The "Hush" Opener (Bottom Bread):** "Hi [Name]. Listen, I have something a bit delicate to discuss with you, so if I could have a moment of your time, I'd really appreciate it."
- **The Validation (The Meat):** "I know you were really looking forward to [X], and I completely understand that it would. However..."
- **The "Soft" Solution (Top Bread):** "I think the most constructive way forward would be to [Alternative solution]. This way, we can avoid [Problem]."

Modals of Softness

Replace "Aggressive Modals" with "Soft Modals" to maintain a Level 12 tone:

✗ Too Direct (Rude)	✓ Polite & Soft (Level 12)
"You should stay at a hotel."	"I think the best approach would be for you to stay at a hotel."
"You need to fix this."	"It might be a better idea if we looked for a solution together."
"I can't lend you the car."	"Unfortunately, it might be difficult for me to lend you the car right now."



Section 3: Task 7 – The 90-Second Opinion Builder

Task 7 requires 90 seconds of sustained argumentation. Use "Logic Chains" to ensure you never run out of things to say.

The Logic Chain Formula

Don't just state a reason; explain the consequence using this formula:
[Argument] + [Cause/Effect Conjunction] + +.

The Template:

- **Direct Opening:** "I firmly believe that is a positive development."
- **Reason 1:** "First and foremost, since [Fact/Cause], it leads to. Therefore, [Point] is necessary."
- **Reason 2:** "Moreover, we must consider that [Point 2]. This is significant because [Explanation]."
- **Reason 3 (Concession):** "Finally, even though some might argue [Counter-point], I still maintain that [X] is more valid."
- **Conclusion:** "Consequently, for these reasons, I am convinced that this is the right path forward."

Paraphrasing Boosters

Never repeat the prompt word-for-word. Use these shifts:

- **Synonym Swap:** Kids → Youngsters; Cell phones → Mobile devices.
- **Active to Passive:** "Students should grade teachers" → "Teachers should be evaluated by their pupils."



Section 4: Task 8 – The Visual Storytelling Kit

Task 8 is about vividness and "Human" tone.

The "20-Second Bridge" Opening

Instead of starting with "I see a picture," spend the first 20 seconds building a narrative reason for the call using the Present Perfect tense.

- **Template:** "Hi [Name]! I know you have been searching for a unique [Object] for months, and I remember you mentioned you wanted something that really stands out. Well, I'm walking through right now, and I haven't seen anything quite like this before!"

The Visual Tour Strategy

Describe the image in a logical path so the rater can "see" it:

- **The Overview:** Describe the whole object + Size.
- **The Outer Layer:** Describe boundaries or surroundings (e.g., a vibrant fence).
- **The Centerpiece:** Describe the main, unusual attraction in the middle.
- **The Details:** Mention 1–2 small, quirky features (e.g., Oreo stepping stones).



Section 5: The "Level 12" Vocabulary Bank

Systematically replace common adjectives with these sophisticated alternatives to signal high proficiency.

"Beginner English" (Level 5-7)	Level 9-12 Alternatives
Big / Large	Sizable, Massive, Colossal, Mammoth
Pretty / Nice	Stunning, Enchanting, Exquisite, Vibrant
Strange / Weird	Bizarre, Quirky, Whimsical, Unusual
Many	Numerous, A multitude of, Countless
Important	Critical, Pivotal, Essential, Significant



Section 6: Test Day "Live" Practice Drills

CELP is as much about psychological resilience as it is about English.

- **The Background Noise Drill:** Record your practice answers while the TV or a loud radio is playing in the background. The test center will be noisy with dozens of people speaking at once; you must learn to focus on your own voice.
- **The "Human Factor" Warm-up:** Use the optional 60-second practice task at the start of the test to find your natural volume and "get into character." Smile while you speak; it naturally improves your intonation and "Listenability" score.
- **Preparation Sprints:** Practice coming up with three reasons for a Task 7 topic in exactly 30 seconds. Over-training your preparation speed makes the real test feel slower and easier.