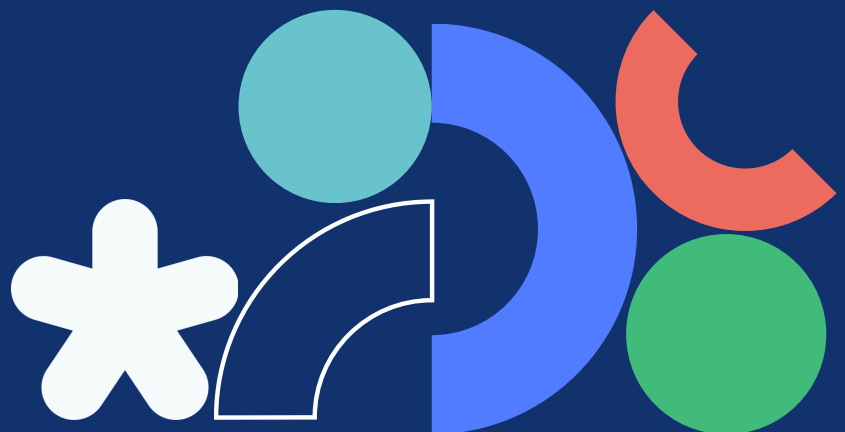


THE TASK 2 CLB 10 FRAMEWORK

*An adaptable structure for the CELPIP survey response
(Writing Task 2)*

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CELPIP Writing Task 2 isn't testing whether you can write English. It's testing whether you can write a structured, balanced, well-supported argument under time pressure, in about 180 words. This framework is that structure. Practise with it until you're no longer thinking 'now I need a concession' and just naturally writing one.

IMPORTANT, read this first: this is a structure, not a script. CELPIP's human raters and AI both detect memorised templates, and a rehearsed essay lowers your task-fulfillment score. Adapt the sentence starters to your topic, vary your phrasing, and make it sound like you.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR YOUR PR:

On Express Entry, lifting Reading from CLB 7 to CLB 9 is worth up to 14 CRS points from this one skill (single applicant, first official language), and if Reading is your weakest skill, reaching CLB 9 can unlock far larger skill-transferability bonuses. Part 4 is often the section that decides it. (Figures per IRCC criteria; verify your own profile at canada.ca.)

Quick facts

Item	Detail
Time	26 minutes
Word count	150–200 official · aim 170–190 (the CLB 9–10 sweet spot)
Your job	Choose ONE of two options and justify it. No fence-sitting.
Scored on	Content/Coherence · Vocabulary · Readability · Task Fulfillment (equal weight, human + AI)
Register	Formal. No contractions (this is not an email to a friend).



The 4 paragraphs

Sentence starters to ADAPT, not copy. Target totals shown per paragraph.

¶1 — INTRODUCTION + CHOICE (target ~40 words, 2–3 sentences)

- Frame the topic in your own words: “When a community / workplace / family must decide [topic], the choice deserves careful thought.”
- State your choice: “In my view, [option] is the stronger / better / more practical of the two options.”
- Preview two reasons: “...because it offers [reason 1] and [reason 2].”

¶2 — FIRST REASON, DEVELOPED (target ~55 words, 3–4 sentences)

- Topic sentence: “My first and most important reason is [reason 1].”
- Contrast with the other option: “Whereas [the other option] [does X], [your option] would [do Y].”
- One specific example: “[group A], [group B], and [group C] would all [benefit / find a use].”

¶3 — CONCESSION + SECOND REASON (target ~55 words: the CLB 8 → CLB 10 move)

- Concede: “Admittedly, [the other option] does offer [genuine benefit], and for [some group] it would be valuable.”
- Pivot: “However, [your option] still serves [the community] better because of [reason 2].”
- Develop + contrast: “[Example of reason 2]. By contrast, [a limitation of the other option].”

¶4 — CONCLUSION (target ~30 words, 2–3 sentences)

- Restate (new words): “For these reasons, I am confident [option] is the wiser / more strategic choice for [the community].”
- Reaffirm + forward-looking close: “It [benefit 1], [benefit 2], and will [future benefit].”

TOTAL TARGET: ~170–190 words. Use the on-screen word counter on test day. Do not exceed ~200.



Precision vocabulary bank

Vocabulary is a quarter of your score. These aren't fancy, they're precise. Use them when the situation calls for it.

Introducing a topic (¶1): substantial, considerable, meaningful, pressing, valuable; presented with, faced with, weighing, considering

Stating your choice (¶1): the stronger / better / more practical / more strategic option; offers, provides, delivers, supports, accommodates, serves

Developing reasons (¶2-¶3): significant, notable, primary, fundamental, essential; broad appeal, year-round usability, accessibility, flexibility, reliability; whereas, while, by contrast, compared to

Specific groups / examples: families, seniors, school-age children, working adults, residents, professionals, students, newcomers, the broader community

Concession (¶3 — highest-leverage): "Admittedly, ... However, ..."; "While [the other option] does offer ..., my choice still ..."; "It is true that ..., yet ..."; "I recognise that ..., however ..."

Conclusion (¶4): "For these reasons, ..."; "In light of these considerations, ..."; "I am confident / persuaded / certain that ..."; "This decision / investment / change will ..."

Phrases to upgrade

Instead of	Use
"I think"	"In my view" / "I believe"
"good"	valuable / beneficial / practical / effective
"big"	substantial / significant / considerable
"a lot of people"	the majority / most residents / a significant number
"very important"	essential / critical / fundamental



Sample filled-in (184 words) + self-review

Prompt: *Should the community spend its grant on (A) a swimming pool or (B) a multi-sport indoor complex?*

¶1 (43 words): When a community can invest a substantial sum in new recreation, the decision deserves careful thought. In my view, the multi-sport complex is the stronger of the two options, because it offers broader appeal and year-round use that a swimming pool cannot match.

¶2 (61 words): My first and most important reason is that the complex serves a far wider range of residents. Whereas a pool mainly suits those who already swim, the complex would offer basketball, soccer, and gym space, three of the most popular activities in Canadian communities. Families with children, seniors seeking low-impact activity, and working adults would all find a use for it.

¶3 (50 words): Admittedly, a pool offers a unique form of exercise, and for keen swimmers it would be valuable. However, the complex still serves the community better because of its year-round accessibility. Indoor courts stay useful regardless of the weather, which matters in a Canadian climate where outdoor sports are limited for months.

¶4 (30 words): For these reasons, I am confident that the multi-sport complex is the wiser choice for our neighbourhood. It serves more people, supports more activities, and remains useful all year round.

TOTAL: 184 words — inside 150–200, in the 170–190 sweet spot.

- ☐ Clear position? (no fence-sitting)
- ☐ Concession in ¶3? (“Admittedly... However...”)
- ☐ At least 5 precise vocabulary items (not basic English)?
- ☐ Sentence lengths varied (short + long mixed)?
- ☐ Examples specific and on-topic?
- ☐ Word count ~170–190 (and under 200)?
- ☐ Formal register, no contractions, typos checked?



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