Guide to the USCIS Practice Test “Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview”

About This Practice Test
This online listening activity provides practice with ten key commands that an applicant might hear during the naturalization interview. After listening to each command in this practice test, users are shown four illustrations. They must choose the one that best depicts the command. Users receive immediate feedback on their answers. At the end of the practice test, users can return to any incorrect answers and try again.

This guide contains: 1) a hard-copy version of the online practice test with an answer key, and 2) a student handout “Listen, Repeat, Write, and Circle” with an answer key.

Downloadable Visuals
Ten 8.5” x 11” illustrations and small flashcards of the key commands are available in PDF format on the Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship for classroom use. To download these materials from the “Teachers” section:

1. Click on “Educational Products.”
2. Scroll down to “Interactive Practice Tests.”
3. Open the file “Classroom Materials” found under the interactive practice test “Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview.”

Key Commands
There are various ways of phrasing common commands in real-life situations. For example, “Please be seated” could also be phrased as “Please sit down” or “Have a seat.” To prepare low beginning students for the material here, we recommend teaching the exact wording as used in the audio script for the practice test “Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview.” As your students become more familiar with the commands, you can introduce variations that they might encounter in everyday conversation.

Remind your students that since each person’s case is different, every naturalization interview is unique. In the interview, an officer may use these commands or phrase a request in a different way. This is not intended to be a complete list of the commands or requests that an officer might make during an interview.

1. Please be seated.
2. Please hand me your passport.
3. Read this sentence.
4. Please follow me.
5. Please print your name.
6. Write this sentence here.
7. Raise your right hand.
8. Please remain standing.
9. Sign your name here.
Instructions to the Teacher

To prepare your students to take this online practice test, try these steps:

- Print out the 8.5” x 11” illustrations and flashcards.
- Try the suggested teaching methods provided with those materials, or devise your own activities.
- Have students try the “Practice Exercise” found in the “Learners” section under the online practice test. In this exercise, students listen to the command while reading the sentence and viewing the illustration.
- After practicing these commands in class, distribute the student handout “Listen, Repeat, Write, and Circle,” intended for beginning level classes. The answer key for the handout is provided in this guide.
- Once the students are comfortable with these commands, have them try the online practice test “Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview.” To access this practice test, students should visit the Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship. From the home page, have the students:
  1. Click on the “Learners” section.
  2. Click on “Study for the Test.”
  3. Click on “Study Materials for the English Test.”
  4. Scroll down to “Interactive Practice Tests.”
  5. Click the icon for “Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview.”
- As an alternative, you can give the students the hard-copy version of the test. The answer key and audio script are included in this guide.
Instructions to the student: Listen to the sentence. Circle the correct picture.
Note to teacher: This is the hard-copy version of the online practice test “Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview” found on the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship.
For Teacher Use

Answer Key and Audio Script for the Online and Hard-Copy Versions: Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview

The online practice test “Understanding Commands for the Naturalization Interview” can be found on the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship.

Instructions to the teacher: Read aloud each bolded sentence in the audio script below. Have the students listen and circle the correct illustration for each command.

Answer Key and Audio Script

Note: For reference, the incorrect options are listed below each item.

1. Please be seated. (correct answer — B)
   A. Raise your right hand. C. Hand me your passport. D. Follow me.

2. Please hand me your passport. (correct answer — D)
   A. Hand me your application. B. Raise your right hand. C. Remain standing.

3. Read this sentence. (correct answer — A)
   B. Sign your name here. C. Raise your right hand. D. Hand me your passport.

4. Please follow me. (correct answer — C)
   A. Remain standing. B. Be seated. D. Write this sentence here.

5. Please print your name. (correct answer — D)
   A. Be seated. B. Hand me your application. C. Raise your right hand.

6. Write this sentence here. (correct answer — C)
   A. Read this sentence. B. Sign your name here. D. Be seated.

7. Raise your right hand. (correct answer — B)
   A. Raise your left hand. C. Hand me your passport. D. Be seated.

8. Please remain standing. (correct answer — C)
   A. Follow me. B. Be seated. D. Sign your name here.

9. Sign your name here. (correct answer — A)
   B. Write this sentence here. C. Hand me your green card. D. Hand me your application.

10. Please wait here. (correct answer — D)
    A. Sign your name here. B. Follow me. C. Be seated.
Instructions to the student: Your teacher will say a sentence. Listen and repeat. Write the sentence in the blank. Circle the correct picture.

1. [Diagram]

2. [Diagram]

3. [Diagram]

4. [Diagram]

5. [Diagram]

6. [Diagram]
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Answer Key and Script for Student Handout “Listen, Repeat, Write, and Circle”

Instructions to the teacher: Say aloud each bolded sentence twice while the class listens without writing. Then, model each sentence several times as the students repeat after you. Finally, have them write that command in the blank and circle the corresponding picture.

Answer Key and Script

Note: For reference, the incorrect options are listed below each item.

1. **Sign your name here.** (correct answer — B)

2. **Write this sentence here.** (correct answer — A)
   - B. Hand me your application. C. Sign your name here. D. Hand me your green card.

3. **Read this sentence.** (correct answer — C)
   - A. Sign your name here. B. Be seated. D. Write this sentence here.

4. **Please hand me your passport.** (correct answer — D)
   - A. Be seated. B. Raise your left hand. C. Raise your right hand.

5. **Please remain standing.** (correct answer — B)
   - A. Follow me. C. Write this sentence here. D. Be seated.

6. **Raise your right hand.** (correct answer — C)
   - A. Hand me your passport. B. Read this sentence. D. Sign your name here.