Guide to the USCIS Practice Test “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 1”

About This Practice Test

This online reading activity has words that an applicant may read on Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, or hear during the naturalization interview. In Self-Test 1, users practice key concepts found on the form. First, they read a passage about a person, and then they choose the correct answer to several questions. Users receive immediate feedback on their answer choice. 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 “Write About Yourself.”

Key Concepts

It is critical for applicants to be able to talk about specific personal information on their Form N-400. This list shows some examples of key concepts that an applicant should be prepared to discuss during the naturalization interview. This is not intended to be a complete list of topics that might be asked by the USCIS officer.

Remind your students that since each person’s case is different, every naturalization interview is unique. In the interview, the officer may ask different questions or word the questions differently.

Instructions to the Teacher

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

• Model the specific questions for each of the key concepts.
• Have the students work with a partner, asking and answering these questions.
• Distribute the student handout “Write About Yourself,” intended for low intermediate and intermediate level students. Encourage students to answer in complete sentences and assist them by correcting serious grammar errors that might interfere with meaning. (Since answers will vary, this handout has no answer key.)
• Have your students report back to the whole class, to the extent that they feel comfortable sharing their information.
• Conduct individual mock interviews, using outside volunteers, if available.
After studying the key concepts in class, have students try the online practice test “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 1.” To access this practice test, students should visit the Citizenship Resource Center at [www.uscis.gov/citizenship](http://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 on the icon for “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 1.”

As an alternative, you can give the students the hard-copy version of the test. The answer key is included in this guide.
Instructions to the student: Read the passage about each person. Then circle the best choice to answer the questions.

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1. What is his first name?
   a. Mr.
   b. John
   c. David

2. What is his family name?
   a. Mr.
   b. Fenton
   c. John

3. What is his middle name?
   a. Mr.
   b. John
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12. Where does Mary live now?
   a. Philadelphia
   b. Miami
   c. Los Angeles

13. Where did Mary live before Philadelphia?
   a. New York
   b. Pennsylvania
   c. Miami

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4. What is Bill’s country of birth?
   a. Australia
   b. Illinois
   c. United States

5. Where does Bill currently live?
   a. Texas
   b. Australia
   c. Chicago

6. What is Bill’s apartment number?
   a. B1
   b. 60603
   c. 220

7. What is Bill’s zip code?
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   b. 60603
   c. B1

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15. How many trips outside of the United States does Susan take each year?
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   c. green

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   c. 5 feet 7 inches

Tom works as a doctor at Mount Carmel Hospital. He has worked there for two years.

8. What is the name of Tom’s employer?
   a. a hospital
   b. a doctor
   c. Mount Carmel Hospital

9. What is Tom’s occupation?
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   b. two years
   c. Mount Carmel Hospital

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Student Handout—Write About Yourself

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At the naturalization interview, be prepared to talk about specific personal information on your Form N-400. For example, you might be asked to discuss topics like these: your name, date of birth and place of birth, current and previous home addresses, employment history, marital status and family, and any travel outside the United States. When you finish this exercise, try the online practice test “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 1” on the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship.

Exercise — Write About Yourself

Instructions to the student: Think about the topics listed below. Write about yourself for each one. Then practice talking about your own information in class if you feel comfortable.

1. Name — Write a sentence about your name. ____________________________________________________________

2. Date of Birth — Write a sentence about your date of birth. __________________________________________________________

3. Country of Birth — Write a sentence about your place of birth. __________________________________________________________

4. Home Address — Write two sentences about your current home address. Then, if you have lived in other places in the past five years, write about those places. __________________________________________________________

5. Employment — Write two sentences about your current job. Then, if you have worked in other places in the past five years, write about those jobs. __________________________________________________________

6. Family — Write two sentences about your marital status and about your children, if you have any. __________________________________________________________

7. Travel — Write three sentences about any trips you have taken outside the United States in the past five years.

Important note: Since each person’s case is different, every naturalization interview is unique. In your interview, the USCIS officer may request more details or focus on other topics from your Form N-400.