

Script for Mock U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Naturalization Interview and Test

Notes for Students

- Due to the pandemic, the USCIS requires applicants to wear a mask the entire time they are in the building, including during the interview itself. The officer is also masked.
- At check-in, you may be given a COVID-19 screening form to fill out. The form consists of questions which require only “no” answers.
- Feel free to ask the interviewer to **repeat**, **repeat slowly** or **rephrase** any question you don’t understand. If you are still confused, say that you don’t remember, you don’t know or you don’t understand.
- **Do not guess.** A terribly wrong answer can signal a lack of comprehension.
- **Do not lie!**
- You must bring your **appointment letter**, **green card** and **passport** to the interview. Depending on your history, we may also advise you to bring other documents, including your certificates of marriage, divorce and birth, as well as the birth certificates of your children.

Introduction and Personal Information

The officer calls out the applicant's name and/or number in the waiting room.
The officer directs the applicant to an office.

Officer	Please remain standing and raise your right hand. Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?
Applicant	
Officer	What did you just promise?
Applicant	

At some point, the officer will ask for the applicant's appointment letter, green card and passport. The officer will then take a photo and fingerprints. To take the photo, the officer will ask the applicant to briefly remove their mask.

Officer	Please place your left index finger here. Now place your right index finger here. Why are you here today?
Applicant	
Officer	Why do you want to become an American citizen?
Applicant	

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Introduction and Personal Information (continued)

Officer	When did you come to live in this country?
Applicant	
Officer	What was your port of entry?
Applicant	
Officer	When did you get your green card?
Applicant	
Officer	Who was the sponsor for your green card?
Applicant	
Officer	What is your full legal name?
Applicant	
Officer	Is that the name on your green card? Your passport?
Applicant	

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Introduction and Personal Information (continued)

Officer	What is your country of origin? Country of nationality?
Applicant	
Officer	What is your date of birth?
Applicant	
Officer	Are you married? If yes, what is your husband's/wife's name and date of birth?
Applicant	
Officer	Where did you meet your husband/wife? Where did you get married?
Applicant	
Officer	When did you get married?
Applicant	
Officer	Is your husband/wife a U.S. citizen? If yes, when did he/she become a citizen?
Applicant	

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Introduction and Personal Information (continued)

Officer	Do you have children?
Applicant	
Officer	How many children? Sons and daughters? What are their first names and ages?
Applicant	
Officer	Where were your children born? Are any of your children U.S. citizens?
Applicant	

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Introduction and Personal Information (continued)

Officer	Do you have grandchildren?
Applicant	
Officer	How many? Grandsons and granddaughters?
Applicant	
Officer	What is your home address? Who lives with you? What is your phone number? What are the last four digits of your SSN?
Applicant	

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Introduction and Personal Information (continued)

Officer	How many trips have you taken outside the U.S. in the past five years?
Applicant	
Officer	<p>What countries did you visit? When did you go there? What was the purpose of your visit(s)? What is the total number of days you spent outside the U.S.?</p>
Applicant	
Officer	<p>Do you and/or your husband/wife work? If so, full-time or part-time? What is your job? Your husband's/wife's job?</p>
Applicant	

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Introduction and Personal Information (continued)

Officer	If neither of you work, how do you support yourselves financially? Do you receive any public benefits (for example, food stamps, cash, housing)?
Applicant	

Reading

Applicants must correctly read one sentence from a maximum of three options.

Officer	Please read this sentence: Who was the first president?
Applicant	

Writing

Applicants must correctly write one sentence from a maximum of three options.

Due to the narrow width of the tablet, applicants may be instructed to write one word per line with a stylus or finger. The tablet will also be used for signatures, and by the officer for comparison of the applicant's answers with those in the application.

Officer	Please write this sentence: Washington was the first president.
Applicant	

Civics

The officer will ask up to 10 questions from the list of 100 civics questions. Applicants must answer six questions correctly to pass. Feel free to substitute the questions below with others from the list. Students may want to practice using our Study Table.

Officer	Who makes federal laws?
Applicant	
Officer	Why does the flag have 50 stars?
Applicant	
Officer	What is freedom of religion?
Applicant	
Officer	During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
Applicant	
Officer	What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?
Applicant	
Officer	Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.
Applicant	

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Civics (continued)

Officer	What do we call the first 10 amendments to the Constitution?
Applicant	
Officer	What ocean is on the west coast of the United States?
Applicant	
Officer	In what year was the Constitution written?
Applicant	
Officer	Name one state that borders Canada.
Applicant	

N-400 Part 12 Questions

The following is a long but not complete list of the Part 12 questions. Some of the wording is simplified. During practice interviews, applicants should also be asked to define the words in bold. For example:

“Have you ever **claimed** to be a U.S. citizen?”

No.

“What does **claimed** mean?”

Officer	Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever registered to vote in the U.S.?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever voted in a U.S. election? If not, why not?
Applicant	

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N-400 Part 12 Questions (continued)

Officer	Do you now have, or did you ever have, a hereditary title in any foreign country?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been declared legally incompetent or confined to a mental institution?
Applicant	
Officer	Do you owe any overdue taxes?
Applicant	
Officer	Do you file your taxes every year?
<p>Note: The tax questions are not asked this straightforwardly, but the applicant, if employed, must be prepared to acknowledge being a faithful taxpayer.</p>	
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been a member of, or in any way associated with, the Communist Party? Any other totalitarian party? Any terrorist organization?
Applicant	

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N-400 Part 12 Questions (continued)

Officer	Have you ever advocated (either directly or indirectly) the overthrow of any government by force or violence?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever persecuted anyone because of race, religion or national origin?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been involved in genocide ? Torture? Killing someone? Badly hurting someone? Not letting someone practice their religion?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever served in a military unit? Paramilitary unit? Police unit? Self-defense unit? Vigilante unit? Rebel group ? Guerilla group? Militia? Insurgent organization?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever worked in a prison or jail? Prison camp? Labor camp? Any place where people are forced to stay?
Applicant	

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N-400 Part 12 Questions (continued)

Officer	Have you ever used a weapon or threatened to use a weapon against anyone?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever sold or given weapons to anyone?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever received military or weapons training?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever committed a crime, assisted in committing a crime or attempted to commit a crime?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been arrested, cited or detained? Charged with a crime? Convicted of a crime?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been in jail or prison?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been a habitual drunkard ?
Applicant	

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N-400 Part 12 Questions (continued)

Officer	Have you ever been a prostitute?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever sold or smuggled illegal drugs?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been married to more than one person at the same time?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever married someone to gain an immigration benefit?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever helped anyone to enter the U.S. illegally?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever failed to support your dependents ?
Applicant	

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N-400 Part 12 Questions (continued)

Officer	Have you ever given any U.S. government officials any information or documentation that was false, fraudulent or misleading ?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever lied to any U.S. government officials to gain an immigration benefit?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever been excluded or deported from the U.S.?
Applicant	
Officer	Have you ever served in the U.S. armed forces?
Applicant	
Officer	Are you a male who lived in the U.S. at any time between the ages of 18 and 26? If yes, did you register with the Selective Service?
Applicant	
Officer	Do you support the Constitution and form of Government of the U.S. ?
Applicant	

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N-400 Part 12 Questions (continued)

Officer	Do you understand the full Oath of Allegiance to the U.S.?
Applicant	
Officer	Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance to the U.S.?
Applicant	
Officer	If the law requires it, are you willing to bear arms on behalf of the U.S.?
Applicant	
Officer	If the law requires it, are you willing to perform noncombatant services in the U.S. armed forces?
Applicant	
Officer	If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction?
Applicant	

Note

This script is not a static document and may be modified during practice depending on the background and fluency of the student. In fact, USCIS officers do not follow any one specific approach. However, this version does represent our best, up-to-date synthesis of the most common questions. Please note that, in the past but not recently, officers have also asked for definitions of terms such as “jail,” “prison,” “arrested,” “cited,” “detained,” “immigration benefits” and “armed forces.” Teachers and students may opt to include them as appropriate.

Final Instructions for the Applicant

At the end of the interview, you will be asked to read and sign off on your personal information displayed by the officer on the tablet. Be sure to review the information carefully. It is simple to change it at the office, but more difficult and time-consuming after the fact. You may also be asked if you wish to change your name. This too is more easily done at the interview.

In addition, if you are not invited to be sworn in on the same day, be sure to read the results form you are given at the end of the interview before leaving the office. If the interviewer passes you, but checks the B box on the form, stipulating the need for one or more additional actions, insist on being told exactly what is needed in writing.

At the swearing-in, you will exchange your green card for a citizenship certificate.