

Guide to the USCIS Practice Test “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2”

About This Practice Test

This online listening and reading activity reviews key words that an applicant may read on Form N-400, *Application for Naturalization*, or hear during the naturalization interview. In Self-Test 2, users listen to a key word or phrase and read a sentence containing that vocabulary. Then they choose the sentence with a similar meaning. 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) student Handout A, “Fill in the Conversation,” and student Handout B, “Matching,” with answer keys.

Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview

1 | Select the similar sentence.

habitually Michael is **habitually** late for work at the bank.

SELECT ONE:

Michael is never late for work at the bank.

Michael is often late for work at the bank.

Michael was late for work at the bank yesterday.

Yes, that is correct.

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Key Words and Synonyms

1. **habitually** / often
2. **verify** / prove something is true
3. **marital status** / married, divorced, single, or widowed
4. **swear** / promise
5. **registered** / signed up
6. **spouse** / husband or wife
7. **current home address** / where you live now
8. **date of birth** / when you were born
9. **advocated** / supported
10. **failed to** / did not (do something)
11. **federal** / U.S. government
12. **exempt** / to not have to (do something)
13. **prior** / before
14. **pending** / has not been...yet
15. **have you ever** / in your lifetime, have you...
16. **member** / someone who belongs to...
17. **resident** / someone who lives in...
18. **requested** / asked for
19. **disability** / physical or mental impairment
20. **dependents** / someone you support financially

This list shows the **bolded key words** in the practice test. A synonym is paired with each one. Students should learn these key words and become familiar with their meanings as they relate to the naturalization interview. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all the possible meanings of these words or their exact definitions.

Remind your students that since each person’s case is different, every naturalization interview is unique. In the interview, the officer may use these key words or phrase the questions differently.

Instructions to the Teacher

In preparation for using this online practice test, try these steps:

- Model the key words for your students. Have them listen and repeat after you. Have the students explain the meaning of each word and give examples of how the words might be used in the interview.
- Distribute student Handouts A and B, intended for low intermediate and intermediate level classes. Answer keys are provided in this guide.
- After students fill in the conversations in Handout A, have them compare their answers with a partner and practice role-playing the dialogues together. Have pairs of students perform their dialogue for the rest of the class.
- In Handout B, have students match the key words with the best definition in the context of the naturalization interview and Form N-400.
- After studying the key words in class, have students try the online practice test “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2.” To access this practice test, students should visit the Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship. From the home page, have 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 2.”
- As an alternative, you can give the students the hard-copy version of the test. The answer key is included in this guide.

Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2

Hard-Copy Version of the Online Practice Test

Instructions to the student: Read the passage about each person. Then circle the best choice to answer the questions.

1. **habitually** – Michael is **habitually** late for work at the bank.
 - a. Michael is never late for work at the bank.
 - b. Michael is often late for work at the bank.
 - c. Michael was late for work at the bank yesterday.
2. **verify** – Can you **verify** this information?
 - a. Can you prove that this information is true?
 - b. Can you copy this information?
 - c. Can you translate this information?
3. **marital status** – What is your **marital status**?
 - a. When were you married to your spouse?
 - b. Whom are you married to now?
 - c. Are you married, divorced, single, or widowed now?
4. **swear** – I **swear** to tell the truth.
 - a. I like to tell the truth.
 - b. I promise to tell the truth.
 - c. I forget to tell the truth.
5. **registered** – John **registered** for an English class at the community college.
 - a. John finished an English class at the community college.
 - b. John signed up for an English class at the community college.
 - c. John taught an English class at the community college.
6. **spouse** – Did your **spouse** go with you outside the United States last summer?
 - a. Did your husband (or wife) go with you last summer?
 - b. Did your children go with you last summer?
 - c. Did other people go with you last summer?
7. **current home address** – What is your **current home address**?
 - a. Where do you work?
 - b. Where were you born?
 - c. Where do you live?
8. **date of birth** – What is your **date of birth**?
 - a. When were you born?
 - b. How old are you now?
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9. **advocated** – Mary **advocated** to change the working conditions at her job.
 - a. Mary was in charge of the working conditions at her job.
 - b. Mary supported getting better working conditions at her job.
 - c. Mary did not want to change the working conditions at her job.
10. **failed to** – Jim **failed to** send in his taxes on time.
 - a. Jim sent in his taxes on time.
 - b. Jim did not send in his taxes on time.
 - c. Jim sent in his taxes two weeks early.
11. **federal** – Is that a **federal** government building?
 - a. Is that an important building?
 - b. Is that a state government building?
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12. **exempt** – Donna was **exempt** from the final exam.
 - a. Donna completed her final exam.
 - b. Donna failed her final exam.
 - c. Donna did not have to take her final exam.
13. **prior** – Gary has **prior** experience teaching history.
 - a. Gary has taught history before.
 - b. Gary has never taught history.
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14. **pending** – The decision on your loan application is **pending**.
 - a. Your loan application was approved today.
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 - c. Your loan application was declined.
15. **Have you ever** – **Have you ever** visited New York?
 - a. In your lifetime, have you visited New York?
 - b. Are you planning to visit New York?
 - c. Will you visit New York next summer?
16. **member** – Scott is a **member** of the Parent Teacher Association.
 - a. Scott wants to join the Parent Teacher Association.
 - b. Scott belongs to the Parent Teacher Association.
 - c. Scott does not belong to the Parent Teacher Association.
17. **resident** – I am a **resident** of Texas.
 - a. I was born in Texas.
 - b. I have visited Texas.
 - c. I live in Texas now.
18. **requested** – John **requested** information about the citizenship test.
 - a. John presented information about the citizenship test.
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19. **disability** – Barbara's **disability** made walking difficult for her.
 - a. Barbara had a physical impairment that made walking difficult.
 - b. Barbara did not like to walk very far.
 - c. Barbara refused to walk far because she was tired.
20. **dependents** – Do you have any **dependents**?
 - a. Do you owe anyone money?
 - b. Do you have a job?
 - c. Do you support anyone financially?

For Teacher Use

Answer Key and Text for the Online and Hard Copy Versions: Self-Test 2

To find the online practice test, Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2, visit www.uscis.gov/citizenship.

Note: In the online audio recordings, students hear only the **bolded word or phrase**. The correct choice has a box around it.

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Student Handout A—Fill in the Conversation

Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2

It is important to be prepared to talk about the **specific information** on your Form N-400 at your naturalization interview. This exercise will help you learn and practice some important words and phrases that you may hear when

you talk with the USCIS officer. After this exercise, take the online practice test “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2” on the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship.

Exercise – Fill in the Conversation

resident	verify	prior	failed to
have you ever	federal	current home address	member
swear	register	pending	

Instructions: Read the words in the list above. Practice saying them aloud. Then read the following sample conversations from naturalization interviews. Fill in the blanks with the best word or phrase from this list.

Conversation 1:

Officer: Mr. Lee, did you _____ for Selective Service?

Applicant: Yes, I did, when I turned 18.

Conversation 2:

Officer: What's your _____?

Applicant: 102 South Main Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22204.

Officer: Can you _____ that address?

Applicant: Sure, here's my driver's license.

Conversation 3:

Officer: Ms. Garcia, how long have you been a _____ of Florida?

Applicant: Oh, I moved to Miami one year ago.

Officer: Where did you live _____ to that?

Applicant: I lived in Chicago, Illinois.

Conversation 4:

Officer: Ms. Ashraf, please raise your right hand. Do you _____ to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Applicant: I do.

Officer: Please have a seat.

Conversation 5:

Officer: Have you ever _____ send in your _____ income tax form?

Applicant: No, I haven't. I send it in on time every April.

Conversation 6:

Officer: Mrs. Baron, have you ever filed for family members to come to the United States?

Applicant: Yes, two years ago. Their applications are still _____.

Conversation 7:

Officer: Mr. Rios, _____ been a _____ of any organization, association, or club?

Applicant: Yes, I own a small business. I belong to the Chamber of Commerce.

Important note: Since each person's case is different, every naturalization interview is unique. In your interview, the officer may ask different questions or ask them in another way to get the information needed.

Student Handout B – Matching

Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2

You should be prepared to talk about the **specific information** on your Form N-400 at your naturalization interview. This exercise will help you learn the meanings of important words and phrases that you may hear when you talk with the USCIS officer about your Form N-400. After you

finish this exercise, test yourself using the online practice test “Vocabulary for the Naturalization Interview: Self-Test 2” on the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center at www.uscis.gov/citizenship.

Exercise – Matching

Instructions: Read each word below and match it with the best meaning that relates to the naturalization interview and Form N-400.

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| 1. _____ spouse | A. often, frequent or doing something from habit |
| 2. _____ request | B. officially sign up or put your name on a list |
| 3. _____ exempt | C. U.S. government or central government |
| 4. _____ date of birth | D. before, previous |
| 5. _____ habitual | E. ask for something formally or politely |
| 6. _____ disability | F. make a serious promise |
| 7. _____ federal | G. publicly support an idea or person |
| 8. _____ advocate | H. whether you are single, married, divorced, or widowed |
| 9. _____ dependent | I. have special permission to not do something |
| 10. _____ swear | J. a physical or mental condition that limits one or more major life activities |
| 11. _____ prior | K. month, day, and year that a person was born |
| 12. _____ marital status | L. husband or wife |
| 13. _____ register | M. someone who depends on you for food, clothes, money, etc. |

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Answer Key for Student Handouts A and B

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Student Handout A – Fill in the Conversation

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Officer: Can you verify that address?

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| 4. <u>K</u> date of birth | D. before, previous |
| 5. <u>A</u> habitual | E. ask for something formally or politely |
| 6. <u>J</u> disability | F. make a serious promise |
| 7. <u>C</u> federal | G. publicly support an idea or person |
| 8. <u>G</u> advocate | H. whether you are single, married, divorced, or widowed |
| 9. <u>M</u> dependent | I. have special permission to not do something |
| 10. <u>F</u> swear | J. a physical or mental condition that limits one or more major life activities |
| 11. <u>D</u> prior | K. month, day, and year that a person was born |
| 12. <u>H</u> marital status | L. husband or wife |
| 13. <u>B</u> register | M. someone who depends on you for food, clothes, money, etc. |