

The interviewee must demonstrate a basic understanding of English.

As part of the naturalization process, they must pass a two-part naturalization test that consists of:

- An English language test that evaluates their **reading, writing, and speaking skills**
- A civics test that evaluates their knowledge of U.S. history and government

This interview should take about 20 minutes.

Part 1: English Language Test

**The Officer is looking for basic comprehension of the small talk and questions being asked.*

Interviewee waits in lobby.

Interviewer walks out and calls the person's name.

Interviewer introduces self: Hello, I'm Officer _____.

Interviewer asks for identification.

Interviewer walks the interviewee down the hall and makes small talk:

Possible topics:

- How did you get here? (Drive, train, bus, got a ride)
- How was the traffic?
- Weather
- How was your week / weekend?

Interviewer spends a few minutes 'reviewing' their N-400 Form in front of the interviewee and asks a few questions. (See the N-400 Form later in this packet to flip through in front of interviewee)

You can pick any section of this form to ask about.

Here are some ideas to 'review':

- **Part 5: what is your address?** (If they have a PO Box, you can dig a little deeper, what is your mailing address or what is your physical address?)

Option - you can ask the interviewee to write their name and address (for the writing portion of this exam)

- **Part 11: children.** (How many? What grades are they in? If they are grown and out of the house where do they live (cities)?)

- **Part 12**, questions 45-50.

Reading and writing portion of the exam

For the reading portion: show the interviewee any of the following sentences and ask them to read aloud. (3 sentences)

For the writing portion: read aloud any of the following sentences and ask them to write the sentence down. (3 sentences)

George Washington was the first president of the United States.

The President lives in the White House.

Thanksgiving is in November.

The American flag is red, white, and blue.

Lincoln was the president during the Civil War.

Independence Day is in July.

The United States has 100 (one hundred) senators.

President Washington is on the one dollar bill.

President Washington is the father of our country.

People want to be free.

Most people in the United States have to pay taxes.

The congress has 100 (one hundred) senators.

American Indians lived here first.

California has the most people.

Flag Day is in June.

Memorial Day is in May.

Mexico is to the south of the United States.

New York City was the first capital.

New York City has the most people.

People come to the United States to be free.

People want to vote.

President's Day is in February.

The capital of the United States is Washington D.C.

The citizens elect congress.

Part 2: Civics Test

The 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers for the naturalization test are listed in this packet provided to you - after the N-400 Form.

The civics test is an oral test, and the interviewer (the Officer) will ask the interviewee up to 10 of the 100 civics questions.

The interviewee must answer 6 out of 10 questions correctly to pass the civics test.