

# English for the Interview



Get ready for the parts of the  
citizenship interview focused on  
English language skills:

**Reading, Writing, Speaking & Understanding**



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## Citizenship Interview: Tests of English Language Skills



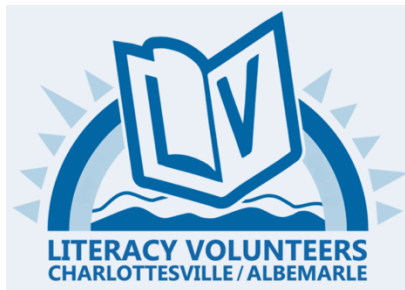
Speaking and  
Understanding



Reading



Writing



Set 1

## Beginning of the Interview

### Greeting:

The officer will come to the waiting room and call your name.

Raise your hand as you say, "Yes." Stand up and go to the officer.



USCIS  
Officer

(your name)

Hello. I'm Officer Jones.  
It's nice to meet you.

Yes



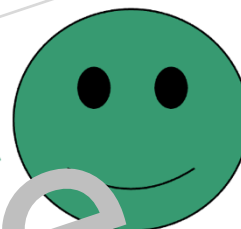
Hello.  
It's nice to meet you too.

### Walk to the Office:

While you walk to the office, the officer might ask you small talk questions.



How was your  
drive?

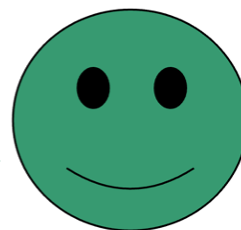


Traffic was bad.  
There was a lot of  
traffic.

It was good.  
There was no traffic.

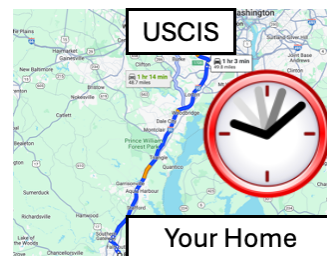


How long was  
your drive?



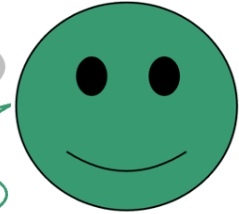
2 ½ hours

— hours or  
— minutes





Where did you drive from today?

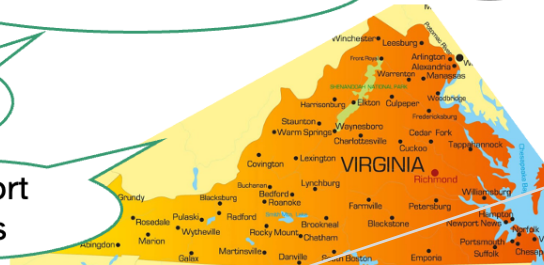


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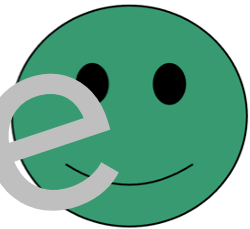
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Newport News



How is the weather?



It's nice.



It's raining.



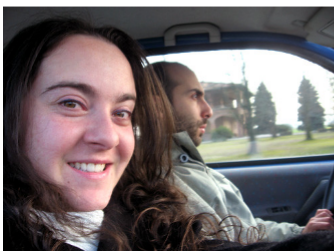
It's cold.



It's warm.



Did anyone come with you today?



Yes, my \_\_\_\_\_ came with me.

No, I came by myself.



Set 2

## Beginning of the Interview

### Promise to tell the truth:

The officer will tell you to stand and raise your right hand. Then you will promise to tell the truth. The officer might ask what you promised.



Please stand and raise your right hand.

Do you swear or affirm that the statements you make today will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Yes, I do.

What did you promise?

To tell the truth.



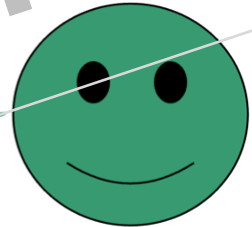
### Start of the Interview:

The officer will ask for your documents (passport, green card, interview notice, etc.) and might ask you some extra questions to check your English.

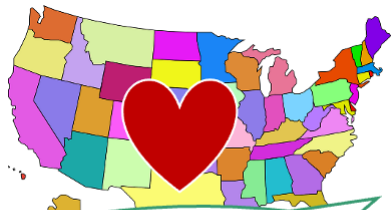
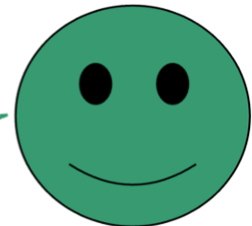


Why are you here today?

I am here for my citizenship interview.



Why do you want to be a US citizen?



I love the United States.



I love freedom.



I want to vote.



Set 3

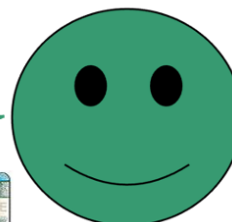
## Questions about You

The officer will ask **questions about you** from parts 1-8 of your application form.

**Keywords:** become a legal permanent resident = get a green card  
eligible or basis of eligibility = reason you are allowed to become a citizen



How did you become a legal permanent resident?



I was a refugee.

I have an SIV.

I was sponsored by a family member.



When did you become a legal permanent resident?



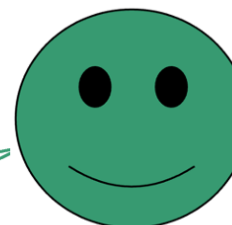
In 20\_\_



\_\_\_ years ago



What is your basis of eligibility?



I have had my green card for 5 years.

I am applying as the spouse of a U.S. citizen





Set 4

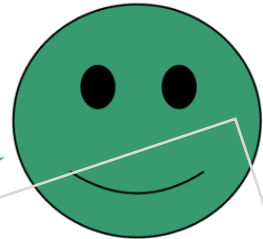
## Questions about You



What is your current legal name?



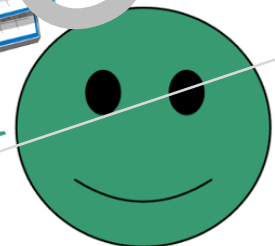
Do you want to change your name?



When were you born?

**OR**

What is your date of birth?



*Month, Day, Year*



Where were you born?

**OR**

What is your country of birth?

**OR**

What is your country of citizenship?



*Name of Country*

# Speaking & Understanding Test: Yes or No Questions

The officer will ask you some or all of the **Yes or No questions** from Part 9 of your citizenship application. You will answer “Yes” or “No.”

Many of the Yes or No questions start with “Have you ever...” That means anytime in your life – from when you were born until the day of your interview. The officer should NOT ask you, “What does that word mean?” for any of the “Have you ever...” questions.



Have you ever...

Yes or  
No



Anytime in your life



From when you were born to your interview


If you do not understand a question, you can show your English by asking the officer a question.

## Questions you can ask the officer:

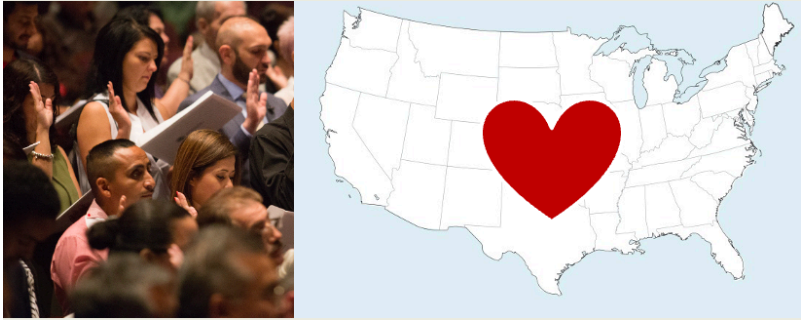
- Can you say that slower?
- Can you explain the question?
- Can you repeat the question?
- Can you say it a different way

Set 1

## Yes or No Questions

Question 31:		Yes or No?
Do you support the <b>Constitution</b> and <b>form of government of the United States</b> ?		
<b>Key words:</b> <u>Constitution</u> – it sets up the government and how our government works  <u>form of government of the U.S.</u> – democracy, freedom and voting		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Do you like having a government with freedom and voting?		

Question 32:		Yes or No?
Do you understand the full <b>Oath of Allegiance</b> to the United States?		
<b>Key words:</b> <u>Oath of Allegiance</u> – promise to be loyal		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Do you know that the Oath of Allegiance is a promise to be loyal to the United States?		

**Question 33:**

Are you **unable** to take the **Oath of Allegiance** because of a **physical or developmental disability or mental impairment**?

**Yes or No?****Key words:**

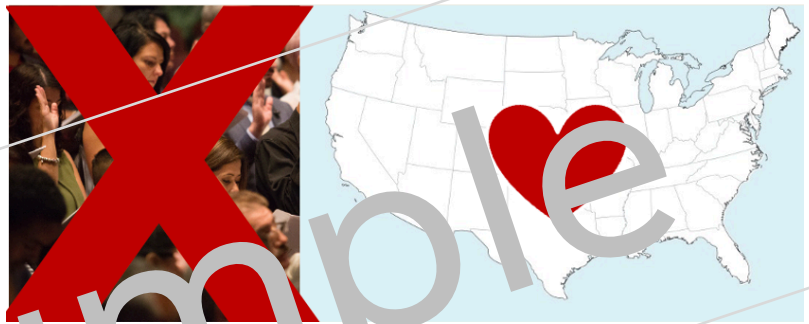
unable – cannot do something

Oath of Allegiance – promise to be loyal

physical or developmental disability or mental impairment? – very big problem with your body or mind

**What does it mean?**

Do you have a very big problem with your body or mind so you cannot promise to be loyal to the U.S.?

**Question 34:**

Are you **willing** to take the **Oath of Allegiance**?

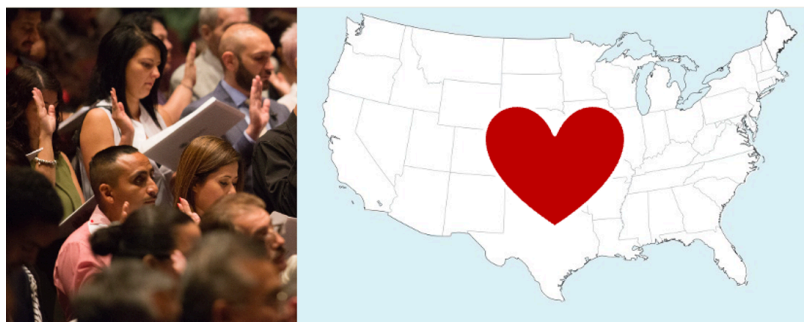
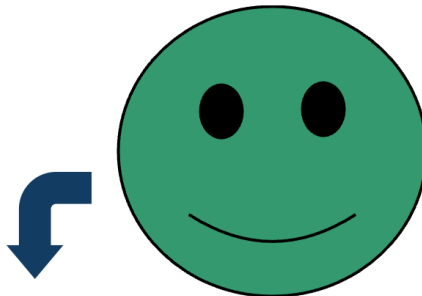
**Yes or No?****Key words:**

are you willing – Will you?

Oath of Allegiance – promise to be loyal

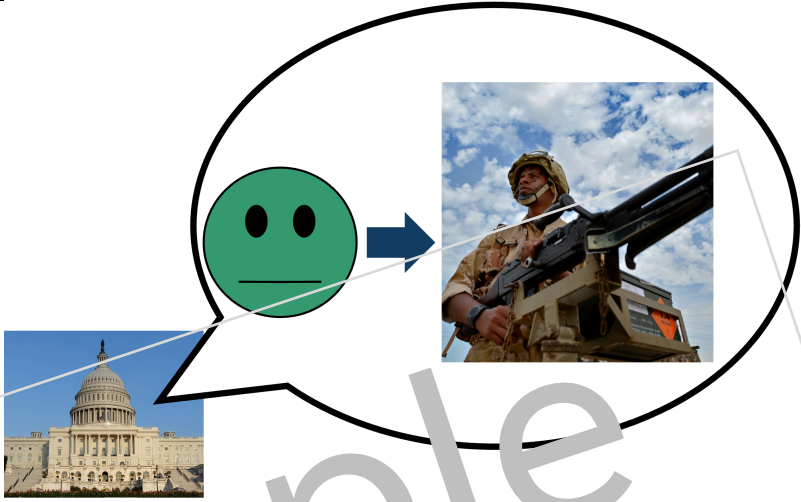
**What does it mean?**

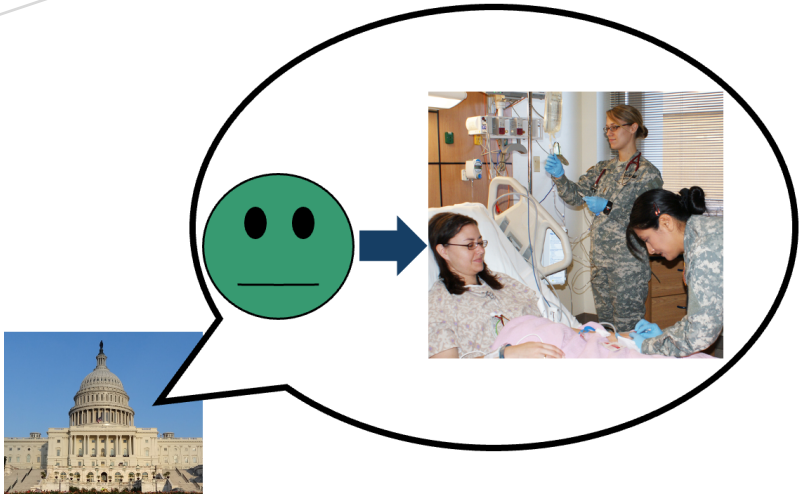
If you pass your interview, will you promise to be loyal and become a U.S. citizen?



Set 2

# Yes or No Questions

<b>Question 35:</b> If the law requires it, are you willing to <u>bear arms</u> on behalf of the United States?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> if the law requires it – if the government says you have to  <u>bear arms</u> – join the U.S. army to fight with a gun		
<b>What does it mean?</b> If there is a really big war and the government says you have to join the army to fight with a gun, will you do it?		

<b>Question 6:</b> If the law requires it, are you willing to <u>perform noncombatant services</u> in the U.S. armed forces?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> if the law requires it – if the government says you have to  <u>perform noncombatant services</u> – help the army in ways that are NOT fighting		
<b>What does it mean?</b> If there is a really big war and the government says you have to help the army in ways that are NOT fighting, will you do it?		



**Question 37:**

If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction?

Yes or No?

**Key words:**

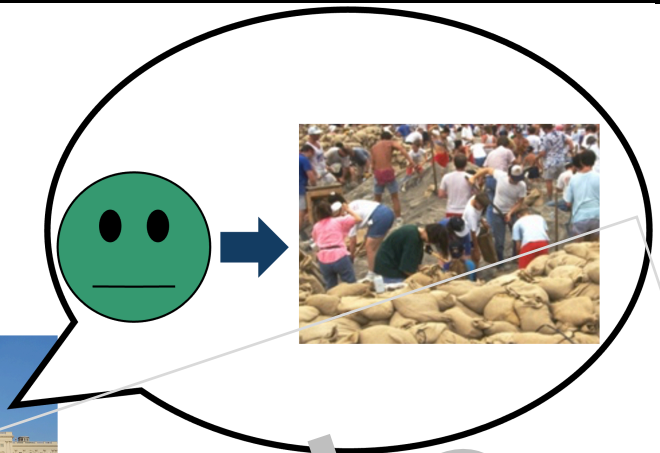
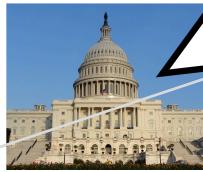
if the law requires it – if the government says you have to

perform work of national importance – help the country in an emergency

under civilian direction – NOT in the army

**What does it mean?**

If the government says you have to help the country in an emergency, not in the army, will you do it?



To check your English, the officer might ask you, "What is the Oath of Allegiance?"



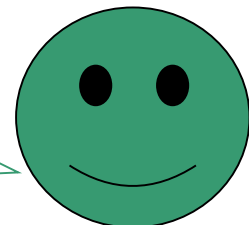
USCIS  
Officer

Do you understand the full  
Oath of Allegiance?

What is the Oath of  
Allegiance?

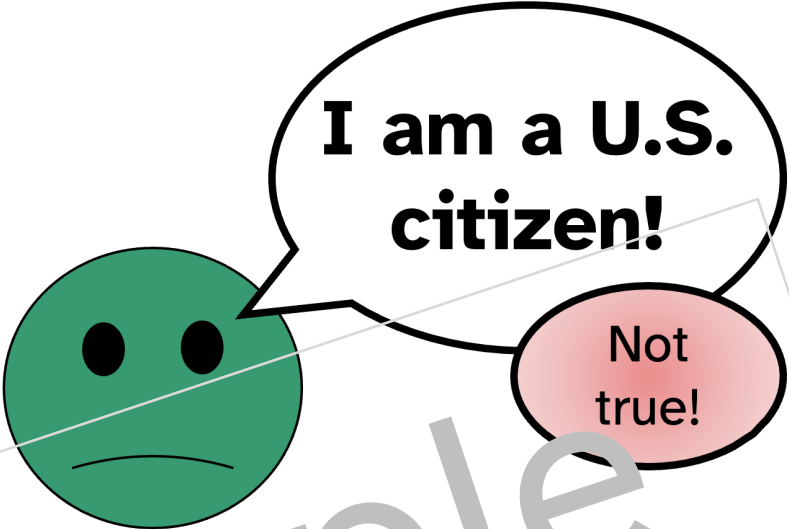
Yes


promise to be loyal to  
the United States



## Set 3

### Yes or No Questions

<b>Question 1:</b> Have you ever <b>claimed</b> to be a U.S. citizen?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>claimed</u> – said		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you say you are a U.S. citizen when you are NOT a U.S. citizen?		

<b>Question 2:</b> Have you ever <b>registered to vote</b> or voted in any federal, state or local election in the United States?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>registered to vote</u> – signed up to vote		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you sign up to vote in the U.S.? Did you vote in the U.S.?		

**Virginia Voter Registration Application**

Marked (\*) items are required. If you do not complete all of this form, your application may be denied. (See instructions on reverse side.)

1. ☐ YES ☐ NO  
 \* I am a citizen of the United States of America. ☐ No SSN was ever issued.

2. \* Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Sr. II III IV Circle if applicable  
 \* First name \_\_\_\_\_ \* Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ None  
 \* Residence address (may not be a P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ \* ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. \* Have you ever been convicted of a felony or judged mentally incapacitated and disqualified to vote? ..... ☐ YES ☐ NO IF YES, has your right to vote been restored? ..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

4. ☐ I am an active-duty uniformed services member, spouse or dependent, or an overseas citizen.  
☐ I am providing a mailing address (below) because my residence address cannot receive mail (e.g., I am in the military).  
☐ I am providing a Virginia P.O. Box (below) to protect my residence address from public disclosure.  
☐ An active or retired law enforcement officer, judge, magistrate, U.S. or Virginia Attorney General.  
☐ Been granted a court-issued protective order.  
☐ In fear for personal safety from being threatened or stalked by another person.  
☐ A participant in the Virginia Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program.  
☐ Been approved to be a foster parent.  
☐ A current or former state or local election official, their employee, or Commonwealth elector for any office.

My mailing address. (Complete only if you have checked a box in this section.)

5. ☐ I am currently registered to vote in another state ..... (Indicate state of previous registration)

6. ☐ I am interested in being an Officer of Election (poll worker) on Election Day. Please send me information.

7. **AFFIRMATION:** I swear/affirm, under felony penalty for making willfully false material statements or entries on this form is true. I authorize the cancellation of my current registration and I have read the Privacy Act Notice.

\* Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ By checking this box, I affirm both that I am an individual with physical disabilities and the Affirmation Statement in Article 3, § 2 of the Constitution of Virginia; individuals with physical disabilities are not required to sign the application.

**Question 3:**

Do you currently **owe** any **overdue** Federal, state or local taxes in the United States?

Yes or No?

**Key words:**

owe – need to pay

overdue – late

**What does it mean?**

Did you NOT pay your taxes in April and now you need to pay taxes that are late?

**Question 4:**

Since you became a **lawful permanent resident**, have you called yourself a **nonresident** on a Federal, state or local tax return or decided **NOT to file a tax return** because you considered yourself to be a nonresident?

Yes or No?

**Key words:**

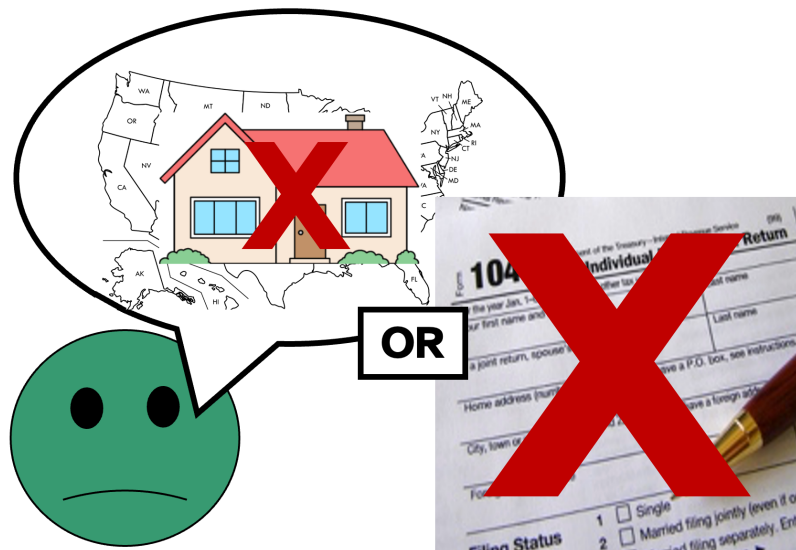
lawful permanent resident  
– have a green card

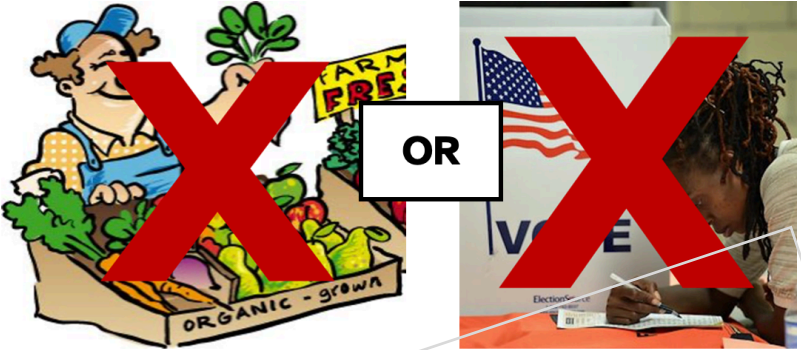

nonresident – someone who does not live here

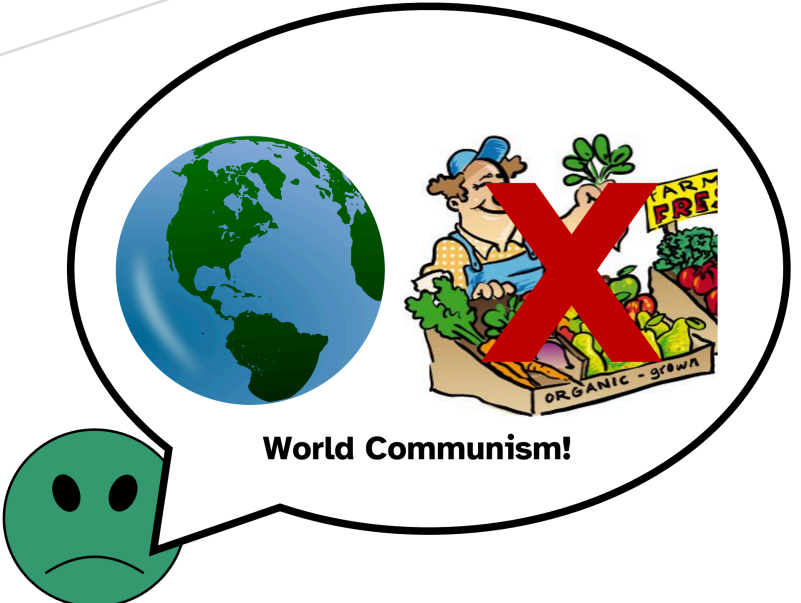
not file a tax return – did not send in your tax form

**What does it mean?**

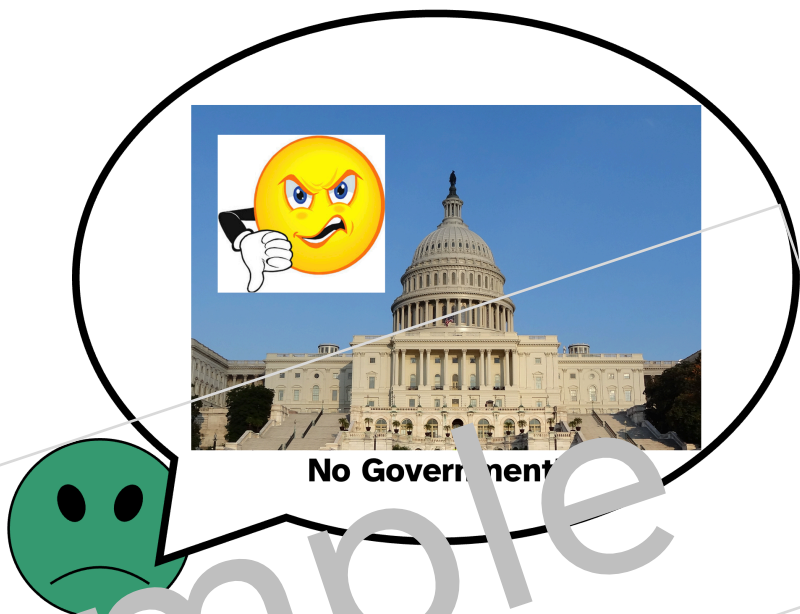
After you got your green card, did you say you do not live in the U.S.? Or did you not send in your tax form?



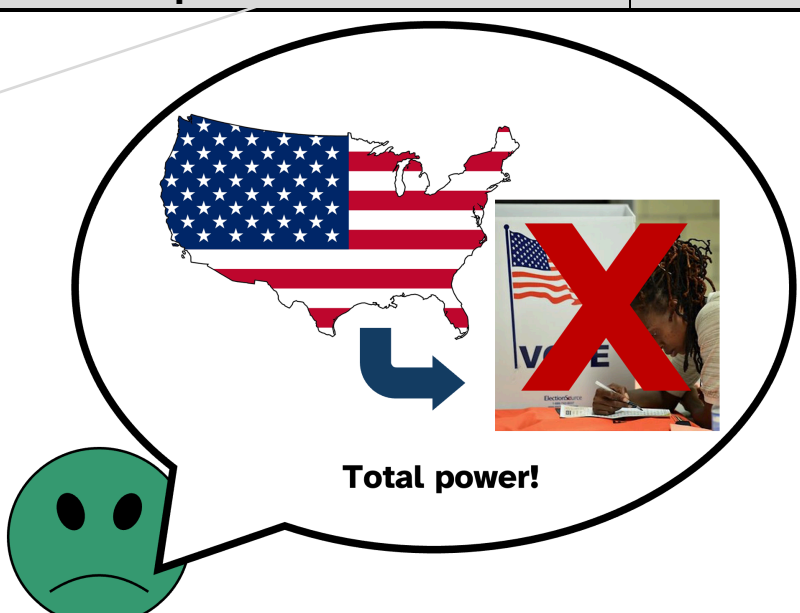
<b>Question 5a:</b> Have you ever been a member of any <b>Communist or totalitarian party</b> anywhere in the world?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>Communist party</u> – group that wants the government to own all the businesses  <u>Totalitarian party</u> – group that wants the government to have total power and no voting		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Were you in a group that wants the government to own all the businesses? OR a group that wants the government to have total power and no voting?		

<b>Question 5b:</b> Have you ever <b>advocated world communism?</b>		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>advocated</u> – said, supported  <u>world communism</u> – the whole world should be communist		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you say the whole world should be communist?		

## Yes or No Questions

<b>Question 5b:</b> Have you ever advocated or been a member of group that <b>advocated opposition to all organized government?</b>		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>advocated</u> – said, supported  <u>opposition to all organized government</u> – said it was bad to have a government	 <p>No Government</p>	
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you say it was bad to have any government?		

<b>Question 5b:</b> Have you ever advocated the establishment in the United States of a <b>totalitarian dictatorship?</b>		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>advocated</u> – said, supported  <u>totalitarian dictatorship</u> – a government with total power and no voting	 <p>Total power!</p>	
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you say the U.S. should have a government with total power and no voting?		



**Question 5b:**

Have you ever **advocated the overthrow by force or violence** or other unconstitutional means of the government of the United States or all forms of law?

Yes or No?

**Key words:**

advocated – said, supported

overthrow by force or violence – attack or kill the leaders of the government to get different leaders

**What does it mean?**

Did you say people should attack or kill the leaders of the U.S. government to get different leaders?



**Kill the leaders!**

**Question 5b:**

Have you ever **advocated the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officers of the government** of the United States or of any other organized government because of their official character?

Yes or No?

**Key words:**

advocated – said, supported

the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officers of the government – attack or kill any people who work for the government

**What does it mean?**



Did you say people should attack or kill any people who work in the government because of their jobs?



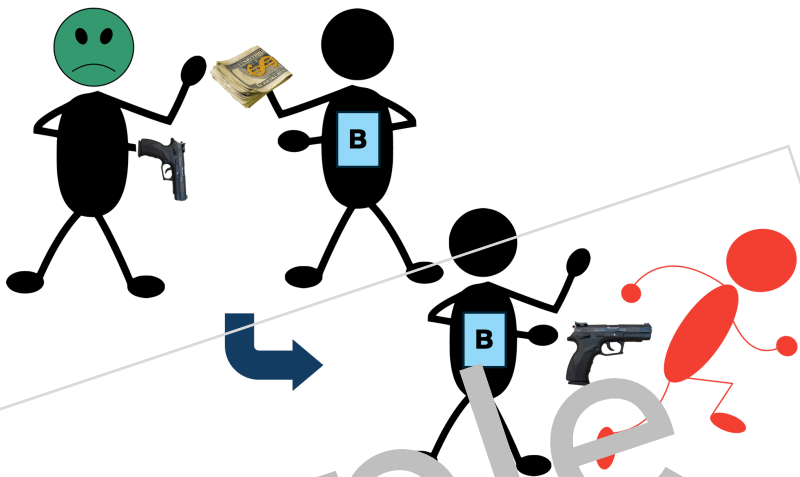
**Kill the government workers!**




<b>Question 5b:</b> Have you ever <b>advocated the unlawful damage, injury or destruction of property?</b>		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>advocated</u> – said, supported  <u>the unlawful damage, injury or destruction of property</u> – to harm a building or other things people own, like furniture, cars or planes		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you say people should harm a building or other things people own?		

<b>Question 5b:</b> Have you ever <b>advocated sabotage?</b>		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>advocated</u> – said, supported  <u>sabotage</u> – harm a building, car, plane or ship to hurt the army or the government		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you say people should harm a building, car, plane or ship to hurt the army or the government?		

## Yes or No Questions

<b>Question 11:</b> Have you ever sold, provided, or transported <b>weapons</b> which you knew or believed would be used against another person?		<b>Yes or No?</b>
<b>Key words:</b> <u>weapons</u> – guns		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you sell or give someone a gun that they used to shoot someone?		

<b>Question 10a:</b> Were you ever a part of any group or organization that used a <b>weapon</b> against another person or <b>threatened</b> to do so?		<b>Yes or No?</b>
<b>Key words:</b> <u>weapon</u> – gun  <u>threatened</u> – said you would hurt or kill someone if they do not do what you want		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Were you part of a group that shot people or said you would shoot people if they did not do what you wanted?		

<b>Question 6a:</b> Have you ever been a member of or have you provided money or any help to a group that used a <b>weapon or explosive</b> with intent to harm another person or cause damage to property?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>weapon</u> – gun  <u>explosive</u> – bomb		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you help a group that used guns or bombs to hurt people?		

<b>Question 6b:</b> Have you ever been a member of or have you provided money or any help to a group that engaged in <b>kidnapping, assassination, or hijacking or sabotage</b> of an airplane, ship, vehicle or other mode of transportation?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>kidnapping, assassination</u> – took, hurt or killed people like terrorists do  <u>hijacking or sabotage</u> – used a plane, ship or car to hurt or kill people like terrorists do		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you help a group do bad things that terrorists do?		

<b>Question 6c:</b> Have you ever been a member of or have you provided money or any help to a group that <b>threatened, attempted, conspired, prepared, planned, advocated for or incited others to commit</b> any of the acts in question 6a or 6b?		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>threatened, attempted, conspired, prepared, planned, advocated for or incited others to commit</u> – tried to get other people to do things		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you help a group that tried to get other people to do bad things that terrorists do?		

<b>Question 7c &amp; 7d:</b> Have you <b>ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with or participated in killing</b> or trying to kill any person? Or <b>intentionally and severely injuring</b> or trying to injure any person		Yes or No?
<b>Key words:</b> <u>ordered, incited, called for</u> – tried to get other people to do things <u>intentionally and severely injuring</u> – hurt someone very badly		
<b>What does it mean?</b> Did you kill anyone or tell someone to kill anyone? Did you hurt anyone very badly or tell someone to hurt anyone very badly?		



# Reading Test

For the reading test, you have to read one sentence correctly. It is okay if you make a couple of small mistakes. If you make too many mistakes, they will show you another sentence. You can try to read up to 3 sentences.

The officer will say, "Read this sentence" and there will be a sentence on the tablet. You will read the question out loud. Do not answer the question.



USCIS  
Officer

Read this  
sentence.

Who was George  
Washington?

This is the list of words USCIS uses to make the reading test sentences:

PEOPLE	CIVICS	PLACE	HOLIDAYS	QUESTION WORDS	VERBS	OTHER (FUNCTION)	OTHER (CONTENT)
Abraham Lincoln	American flag	America	Presidents' Day	How	can	a	colors
George Washington	Bill of Rights	United States	Memorial Day	What	come	for	dollar bill
	capital	U.S.	Flag Day	When	do/does	here	first
	citizen		Independence Day	Where	elects	in	largest
	city		Labor Day	Who	have/has	of	many
	Congress		Columbus Day	Why	is/are/was/be	on	most
	country		Thanksgiving		lives/lived	the	north
	Father of Our Country				meet	to	one
	government				name	we	people
	President				pay		second
	right				vote		south
	Senators				want		
	state/states						
	White House						

## Possible Reading Sentences

- What city is the capital of the United States?
- Where is the capital of the U.S. government?
- What city is the capital of our country?
- What city was the first capital of the U.S.?
- Where was the first capital of the United States?
- Name the city where the president lives.
- Where does the president live?
- Who lives in the White House?
- Where is the White House?
- Who was George Washington?
- Who is on the one dollar bill?
- Who was the first president of the United States?
- Who was the second president of the United States?
- Who was Abraham Lincoln?
- When was Abraham Lincoln president?
- Who can vote in the United States?
- Why do people want to be a citizen?
- Who elects the president?
- Who can vote for president?
- When do we vote for president?
- When do we elect the president?
- Who elects Congress?
- Who can vote for Congress?
- How many senators do we have?
- How many senators are in Congress?
- Where does Congress meet?
- Why do people come here?
- Why do people come to America?
- What do people in the United States pay?
- What do people pay to the government?
- Name one right in the Bill of Rights.
- Name one right people have in the United States.
- Name the colors on the American flag.
- Who lived here first?
- How many states are in the United States?
- What was the first state?
- What is the largest state in the U.S.?
- What state has the most people?
- What country is north of the United States?
- What country is south of the U.S.?



**Remember:**

**You read the  
sentence.**

**You do NOT  
answer the  
question.**

- When is Presidents Day?
- When is Memorial Day?
- When is Flag Day?
- When is Independence Day?
- When is Labor Day?
- When is Columbus Day?
- When is Thanksgiving?

# Writing Test

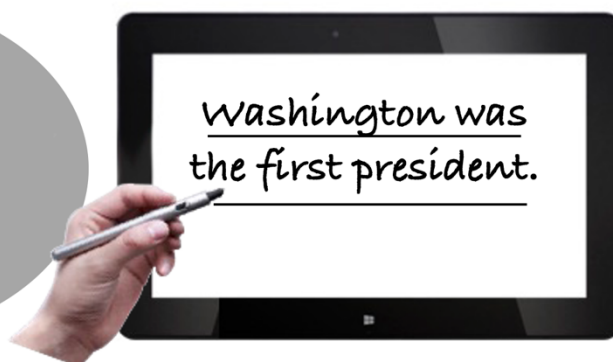
For the writing test, you have to write one sentence correctly. It is okay if you make a couple of small mistakes. If you make too many mistakes, you will write another sentence. You can try to write up to 3 sentences.

The officer will say, "Write this sentence" and they will say the sentence. You will write the sentence on the tablet with a stylus or your finger. You can ask the officer to repeat the sentence. You can check your sentence and fix it if you need to before the officer checks it.



USCIS  
Officer

Write this  
sentence:  
Washington  
was the first  
president.



This is the list of words USCIS uses to make the writing test sentences:

PEOPLE	CIVICS	PLACES	MONTHS	HOLIDAYS	VERBS	OTHER (FUNCTION)	OTHER (CONTENT)
Adams	American Indians	Alaska	February	Presidents' Day	can	and	blue
Lincoln	capital	California	May	Memorial Day	come	during	ollar bill
Washington	citizens	Canada	June	Flag Day	elect	for	ality/50
	Civil War	Delaware	July	Independence Day	have/has	re	f
	Congress	Mexico	September	Door Day	s/was/be	in	largest
	Father of Our Country	New York City	October	Columbus Day	received	of	most
	flag	United States	November	Thanksgiving	needs	on	north
	free	Washington			pay	the	one
	freedom of speech	Washington, D.C.			vote	to	one hundred/100
	President				want	we	people
	right						red
	Senators						second
	state/states						south
	White House						taxes
							white

## Possible Writing Sentences

- Washington, D.C. is the capital.
- Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States.
- The capital is Washington, D.C.
- The capital of the United States is Washington, D.C.
- The first capital was New York City.
- New York City was the first capital.
- The president lives in Washington, D.C.
- The president lives in the White House.
- The White House is in Washington, D.C.
- Washington was the first president.
- The first president was Washington.
- Washington was the Father of our Country.
- Washington is on the one dollar bill.
- Adams was the second President.
- Lincoln was president during the Civil War.
- Citizens can vote.
- People want to vote.
- Citizens elect the president.
- People elect the president.
- Citizens can vote for president.
- We vote for president in November.
- We elect the president in November.
- Citizens elect Congress.
- We have 100 senators.
- Congress has 100 senators.
- Congress meets in Washington, D.C.
- People come here to be free.
- People want to be free.
- People pay taxes.
- People in the United States pay taxes.
- One right is freedom of speech.
- The flag is red, white and blue.
- American Indians lived here first.
- We have 50 states in the United States.
- The United States has 50 states.
- Delaware was the first state.
- Alaska is the largest state.
- The largest state is Alaska.
- California has the most people.
- Canada is north of the United States.
- Mexico is south of the United States.



### Remember:

You can ask the officer to repeat the sentence.

You can check your sentence.

- Presidents Day is in February.
- Memorial Day is in May.
- Flag Day is in June.
- Independence Day is in July.
- Labor Day is in September.
- Columbus Day is in October.
- Thanksgiving is in November.



# Reading and Writing Set 1

- blue

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- red

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- flag

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- Flag Day

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- June

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- July

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- Washington

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- Washington, D.C.

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## Set 1 writing sentences:

1. The flag is red, white and blue.
2. The first president was Washington.
3. Independence Day is in July.
4. The president lives in Washington, D.C.
5. Flag Day is in June.

- 1** **Reading:** Name the colors of the American flag.  
**Writing:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, white and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

- 2** **Reading:** Who was the first president?  
**Writing:**

The first president was \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

- 3** **Reading:** When is Independence Day?  
**Writing:**

Independence Day is in \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

- 4** **Reading:** Name the city where the president lives.  
**Writing:**

The president lives in \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

- 5** **Reading:** When is Flag Day?  
**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

Sample

# Reading and Writing Set 2

/k/ sound

- **Alaska**

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- **Canada**

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- **California**

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- **capital**

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- **Congress**

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- **Columbus Day**

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Reading only: **U.S.**

## Set 2 writing sentences:

1. The largest state is Alaska.
2. Columbus Day is in October.
3. California has the most people.
4. Canada is north of the United States.
5. Congress meets in the capital.

**1**

**Reading:** What is the largest state?

**Writing:**

The largest state is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**2**

**Reading:** When is Columbus Day?

**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is in October.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**3**

**Reading:** What state has the most people?

**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_ has the most people.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**4**

**Reading:** What country is north of the U.S.?

**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is north of the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**5**

**Reading:** Where does Congress meet?

**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_ meets in the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

# Reading and Writing Set 3

/s/ sound

- **president**

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- **Presidents Day**

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- **Independence Day**

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- **New York City**

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- **Civil War**

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- **citizens**

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- **vote**

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**Reading only: Abraham Lincoln**

**Set 3 writing sentences.**

1. The first capital was New York City.
2. Lincoln was president during the Civil War.
3. Presidents Day is in February.
4. Independence Day is in July.
5. Citizens can vote for president.



**1**

**Reading:** What city was the first capital of the U.S.?

**Writing:**

The first capital was \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**2**

**Reading:** When was Abraham Lincoln president?

**Writing:**

Lincoln was \_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**3**

**Reading:** When is Presidents Day?

**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is in February.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**4**

**Reading:** When is Independence Day?

**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is in July.

\_\_\_\_\_.

**5**

**Reading:** Who can vote for president?

**Writing:**

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

# Interview Tips

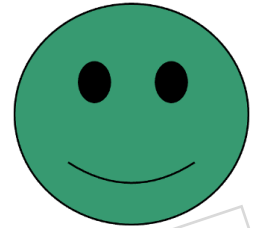
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If you don't understand,  
show your English by asking a question



USCIS  
Officer

Blah blah blah?



Can you repeat the  
question?

Can you explain the  
question?

Can you say that  
slower?

Can you say that a  
different way?

2

Listen for a word you know



USCIS  
Officer

Blah blah weapons blah blah?

Blah blah crime blah blah?

Blah blah lied blah blah?

Yes or  
No?



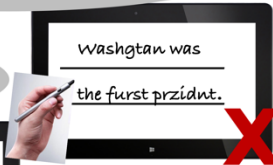
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### Remember: you can make mistakes and pass



Write this sentence: Washington was the first president.

Let's try another:  
Citizens can vote.



Name your U.S.  
Representative.

I don't  
remember

That's okay. Next question:  
What do we show loyalty to  
when we say the  
Pledge of Allegiance?

The United States



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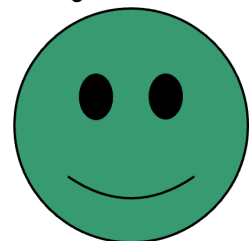
### Help yourself calm down when you are nervous

Take a deep breath and think...

I have studied and  
practiced a lot

The officer knows  
that most people  
are nervous

I do not have to  
know every answer



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# The Oath of Allegiance

The Oath of Allegiance		What it means
I hereby declare, on oath,	=	I legally promise that...
That I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;	=	I give up loyalty to other countries and I will be loyal to the United States.
That I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;	=	I agree with the Constitution and the kind of government we have.
That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;	=	I will obey the Constitution and laws of the United States
That I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;	=	If the government says I have to join the military and fight, I will.
That I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States if required by the law;	=	If the government says I have to help the military in other ways that are not fighting, I will.
That I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law;	=	If the government says I have to help the country in an emergency, not in the military, I will.
And that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.	=	I really feel loyal to the United States. I really want to be a U.S. citizen.