

LVCA RESOURCES

Conversation Scripts

<https://bit.ly/2BwOaKC>

These conversation scripts are meant for two people. These scripts include reading vocabulary from the reading test, which is underlined, and all 100 civics questions. Under each script are the civics questions from the master USCIS list that the script includes. The first script is shorter and easier, and they progressively get longer and harder.

Topics Covered: Civics, reading

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity and practice.
 - o Person B often asks the questions, so you can perform this part and have students answer the questions, similar to what the civics test will be
 - Ask students the questions covered in the script after reading the script to test their civics knowledge and reading comprehension
 - Go over words that the student has trouble reading
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Reading and Writing Passages

<https://bit.ly/3inneO3>

These reading and writing passages include all of the reading and writing vocabulary that your student could be tested on during the citizenship test. Under each topic is two passages. The top passage has reading vocabulary, and the bottom passage has writing vocabulary.

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity and practice.
 - o Have your student read the top passage, then you read the bottom passage to your student and have them write down what they hear
 - o Go over words that the student has trouble reading and writing
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Practicing Question Words

<https://bit.ly/2CDvIWv>

This document has a list of questions that your student might be asked during their naturalization interview. Questions are split up by the word they start with, including the 5 W's and 1 H, as well as other question words like 'did,' 'do,' and 'have.' Under each starting word, questions are also divided by whether they are in the civics, reading, N-400, or small talk parts of the interview.

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as practice.
 - o Go over questions or specific question words that your student is having trouble with
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Citizenship Spelling Practice Puzzle

https://literacyforall.org/docs/Citizenship_Spelling_Practice_Puzzles.pdf

This set of crossword puzzles and word searches is a great resource for higher-level students to practice writing words for the writing part of the naturalization interview, focusing on months, holidays, people, and places.

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity, or use it for an assignment as homework.
 - o Have the student fill out the puzzle by themselves and provide help as needed.
 - o Go over specific words that the student incorrectly spelled in the puzzle.
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Visuals & Timelines

These are sets of PowerPoint slides with simple explanations of the questions from the civics part of the naturalization interview organized around specific American eras (i.e. 1600s & 1700s) or topics (i.e. geography).

- 1600s & 1700s Timeline & Visuals: <https://bit.ly/3fUgWUy>
- Geography on the Citizenship Test: <https://bit.ly/39hat3g>

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a lesson.
 - o Use this resource when teaching specific content to explain and answer the related civics questions.

VIDEOS

Literacy Volunteers Charlottesville Albemarle YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfgeRUeeLOtEI_E5CDuHQdlGmK5-8oi3Q

Check out the official YouTube channel of LVCA, which features Catherine explaining civics questions, explaining N-400 questions, and providing practice of reading and writing for the citizenship exam.

Topics: Civics, reading, writing, N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity.
 - o Show the student videos on civics, reading, writing & N-400 questions
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - o Show the student how to watch the videos at home to get practice.
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US Citizenship Test

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1-VuO5NmUCuRrxVn0J5PPw/videos>

This is a YouTube video series that includes videos of mock interviews and practice on civics, reading, and writing.

Topics: Reading, writing, N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity.
 - o Show the student videos on reading, writing, and especially N-400
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - o Show the student how to watch the videos at home to get practice
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Essa Group

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAA3ad00x_gwtQhX4QQktVg/videos

This YouTube video series offers many videos with practice of the civics questions.

Topics: Civics

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity.

- Show the student civics videos
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - Show the student how to watch the videos at home to get practice
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WEBSITES

USCIS Study for the Test

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test>

You will find many resources provided by the USCIS, such as the vocabulary lists for the reading and writing parts of the exam and the full list of questions for the civics exam. For each part of the exam, the USCIS offers practice tests, and they also provide audio recordings of the questions.

Topics Covered: Civics, reading, writing, N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity and practice.
 - Ask students random civics questions
 - Create sentences using the reading and writing vocabulary for the student to read/write
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - Civics flash cards
 - Audio recordings of civics questions for students to listen to at home
 - N-400: Self-tests for students to take and learn vocabulary
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USCIS Lesson Plans

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/educators/lesson-plans>

The USCIS offers lesson plans that tutors can use to teach their students.

Topics Covered: Civics, N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a lesson.
 - Two levels: beginner and intermediate
 - Classroom activities: crosswords, fill in the blanks, reading, pair activities, etc.
- Assign your student an assignment as homework.

- Tutors can assign some of the classroom activities as homework (copying the words)
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US Citizenship Test: Free Complete Online Training Program 2020

<https://uscitizenshipsupport.com/>

This website is a one-stop shop for citizenship materials. It offers practice for questions pertaining to the N-400 application and the tests for reading, writing, and civics knowledge. The website also includes tips for studying for and taking the citizenship tests that you can have your students read. Further, most of the questions also have recordings for students to listen to.

Topics Covered: Civics, reading, writing, N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as practice.
 - Civics quizzes on specific topics (rights and responsibilities, geography, etc.) that your student might be having trouble with
 - N-400 vocabulary practice quizzes, matching activities, sample commands and questions
 - Tips on taking the test the tutor can share with their student
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - Civics flash cards
 - Civics questions with audio recordings
 - Reading and writing sentences with audio recordings
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CivicsQuestions: US Citizenship Test Questions and Answers

<https://civicsquestions.com/>

This website offers practice civics tests, randomizing the questions the student sees each time they take it. The website also has civics tests by topic, such as American history and geography, as well as most commonly missed questions. The website also has the lists of vocabulary for the reading and writing tests.

Topics: Civics, reading, writing

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity and practice.

- Civics quizzes on specific topics (rights and responsibilities, geography, etc.) that your student might be having trouble with
 - Create sentences using the reading and writing vocabulary for the student to read/write
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - Civics quizzes
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USA Learns Citizenship Course

<https://www.usalearns.org/usa-learns-citizenship>

Make a free account and lead your student in many different citizenship courses, ranging from basic details about the application to passages about various facts of US government and history to teach and test your student.

*Contact Maureen before using to get sign-in information

Topics: Civics, reading, writing, N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a lesson and classroom activity.
 - Citizenship course tutors can follow with readings and activities for students
 - Assign your student an assignment as homework.
 - Tutors can assign homework to students on the course
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Citizenship - Test-Guide.com

<https://www.test-guide.com/Citizenship/>

This website offers practice citizenship tests, citizenship flash cards, and a general overview of the citizenship process.

Topics: Civics

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as practice.
 - Civics quizzes
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - Civics flash cards
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FREE US Citizenship Test 2020 Practice

<http://www.citizenshipstudyguide.com/index.php>

Resources from this website include audio recordings of questions, flash cards, writing practice, and study guides from each section of the civics exam.

Topics: Civics, writing

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as practice.
 - o Civics quizzes on specific topics (rights and responsibilities, geography, etc.) that your student might be having trouble with
 - o Writing practice with two levels of difficulty
 - Assign your student practice as homework.
 - o Flash cards for civics and writing
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Union Test Prep: Free Test Prep for the US Citizenship test

<https://uniontestprep.com/u-s-citizenship-test>

This website includes flash cards, practice tests, and study guides for all four parts of the citizenship test.

Topics: Civics, reading, writing, N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as practice.
 - o Quizzes and study guides on each part of the test
 - o Assign your student practice as homework.
 - Audio recordings of questions
 - o Flash cards
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Ben's Guide To the US Government

<https://bensguide.gpo.gov/>

On this website, you can choose from three reading levels. The website has many readings on different parts of the government, including the history of suffrage, the differences between federal and state government, and the country's important documents, songs, and monuments.

Topics: Civics

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a lesson.
 - o Three different reading levels

- Pair the readings of each subject to civics questions from the citizenship exam
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US Citizenship Podcast

http://www.uscitizenpod.com/p/n-400-practice_27.html

On this website are various PDFs with vocabulary and questions from the N-400 form your student might be asked about during the citizenship interview. There are full length interviews, as well as questions from each part of the N-400.

Topics: N-400

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity.
 - Use the example PDFs to go through a practice interview with your student.
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APPS

Citizen Now App. Study for the US Citizenship Test

<https://citizennow.net/>

This app offers students practice on civics, reading, and writing anytime and anywhere.

Topics: Civics, reading, writing

Tutor tips:

- In class, use this resource as a classroom activity.
 - Instruct students on the usage and features of the app
- Assign your student practice as homework.
 - Civics flash cards
 - Audio recordings of civics, reading, writing questions
 - Answers for questions about local politicians (senator, governor, representative, state capital)