

CHAPTER 10

Your Interview

You have worked very hard to arrive at this moment—your interview.

You completed and sent your application to USCIS. You studied American civics and history. You learned more English, and you may have been fingerprinted at a USCIS office.

In Chapter 9 you prepared for your interview. In this chapter you will learn more about the interview. You will practice with questions the USCIS adjudicator will ask. This chapter helps you practice listening and responding to interview questions.

It is very important that you practice the interview. Ask a friend to read this chapter. Then, your friend can ask questions about your N-400 application. After practicing two or three times, you will be confident and ready for your interview.

At the end of the Chapter 9, we were in the waiting room of the USCIS office. Let's return to that waiting room... You hear a door open. Then you hear someone call your name.



Your name is called—the unofficial interview

When you hear your name, go to the door where the USCIS officer called from. The officer may ask if you are the person she called. “Are you Pedro Romero?” Answer the officer “Yes, that is me.” If the officer did not call your name, tell her “No, that is not me.” Then wait for an officer to call **your** name.

The officer may tell you that she is an immigration officer. Then she will ask you to follow her to her office. Listen to the CD, track 21. You will hear what the adjudicator may say. Where you see the “CD” you will find these sentences and questions on the CD.



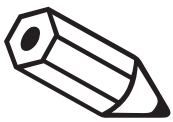
- Will you follow me?
- Would you follow me?
- Come this way.
- Walk this way.
- My office is this way.

The officer may say something else.



- How are you today?
- It’s a beautiful day.
- How do you like this rain?
- How was your trip to our office?
- Did you find a parking place easily?

Some officers use this time to find out if you understand English. It is important for you to be able to talk with the officer.



Write a response for each question or statement.

Use the space provided.

Are you Pedro Romero? _____

Would you follow me? _____

Come this way. _____

How are you today? _____

It’s a beautiful day. _____

How do you like this rain? _____

How was your trip to our office? _____

The adjudicator's office—the official interview

When you arrive at the adjudicator's office, she may tell you where to put your things.



- Please put your coat and umbrella on this chair.
- You can put your purse on this chair.

Before sitting down, you must take an oath to tell the truth. This is called the “jurat.” The adjudicator will give you instructions.



- Remain standing and raise your right hand.

With your right hand raised, you must promise to tell the truth.

In Chapter 2 you learned about Form G-28. This form allows you to bring an attorney or representative to the interview. You must provide Form G-28 for a representative or attorney OR continue the interview alone.

Then the adjudicator will ask to see your identification.

- Permanent Resident Card
- Passport
- Other forms of ID

The adjudicator will tell you to sit in a chair. She will introduce herself to you. She may explain what will happen in the rest of the interview.

Reviewing Form N-400—your application

The adjudicator will explain that you will review information from your application—Form N-400. This will be the largest part of your interview.

Your adjudicator will begin with Part 1 of your N-400. She can ask questions in many different ways. Listen to the CD, track 22 to hear the questions that follow. Write answers to the questions in the space provided.

What will you do if you do not understand the adjudicator? You can ask for help.

If you did not understand the adjudicator...you can tell her



- Please say that again.
- Say that again.
- Excuse me?
- I don't understand.
- What do you mean “bear arms” ?

If you did not understand a question...you can say

- Please ask me again.

If your adjudicator speaks too fast...you can tell her

- More slowly, please.

Let's begin...



Part 1. Your Name

Form N-400 asks about your current name, the name on your Permanent Resident Card, and other names you have used. Form N-400 also asks if you want to change your name when you are naturalized as a U.S. citizen.



Your current legal name

State your full name, please.

What is your family name?

What is your last name?

Your family name is Chen?

How do you spell it?

What is your given name?

What is your first name?

Would you spell your first name for me?

Your given name is Tar-pin, is that right?

Do you have a middle name?

What is your middle name?



Your name on your Permanent Resident Card

Your Permanent Resident Card says your name is Tar-pin Chen, right?

But now you use the name Marvin Chen?

Why are the names different?

Why do you have two different names?



Other names

What is your current legal name?

Have you used any other names since you came to this country?

What other names have you used?

Have you used any other names since becoming a permanent resident?

Do you go by any other names?

Do you use any other names?

Have you ever changed your name?



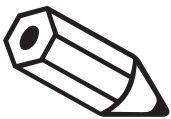
Name change

Do you want to change your name when you are naturalized?

Would you like to change your name?

What name would you like to use when you become a citizen?

What name do you want on your naturalization certificate?



Part 2. Information About Your Eligibility

Your adjudicator will ask about your eligibility for naturalization as a U.S. citizen. Listen to the CD, track 23 to hear the questions that follow. Write your answers in the space provided.



When did you get your Permanent Resident Card?

What year did you get your green card?

How long have you been a permanent resident?

How many years have you had a Permanent Resident Card?

On what do you base your application for citizenship?

Is your application based on permanent residence?



Marriage

(Use “wife” or “husband” as needed.)

Is your application based on your marriage to a citizen?

How long has your wife been a citizen?

When did your wife become a citizen?

Are you currently married?

When were you married?

When did you get married?

Are you still married?

How long have you been married?

Are you still living with your wife?

How long have you lived with your wife?

Have you lived with your wife continuously for the last three years?

Have you lived with your wife for all of the last three years?



Military Service

Is your application based on U.S. military service?

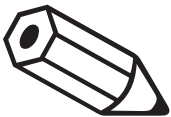
When did you enter military service?

How long have you served in the U.S. military?

Have you served in the military continuously?

Are you still a member of the military?

When were you discharged from the military?



Part 3. Information About You

The adjudicator will ask about basic information you gave in your N-400.



Numbers and dates

Do you know your Social Security number?

What is your Social Security number?

When were you born?

What's your date of birth?

You were born on November 5, 1961, right?

When did you become a permanent resident?

Tell me the date you became a permanent resident.

When did you get an adjustment of status?

When did you get your green card?



Countries of birth and nationality

Where were you born?

In what country were you born?

What is your country of birth?

Of what country are you a citizen?

What is your country of nationality?

Are you a citizen of any other country?

Are either of your parents U.S. citizens?

Is your mother or father a U.S. citizen?



Marital status

What's your marital status?

Are you married? Single? Divorced? Widowed?

Are you currently married?

You are divorced, right?



Part 4. Addresses and Telephone Numbers

The USCIS must have your current address and telephone number. Your adjudicator will ask you about this information.



Addresses

Where do you live?

What is your street address?

What is your current address?

What is your apartment number?

What city do you live in?

What is your state?

What is your zip code?

You live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, right?

In what county do you live?

Have you changed your address since you sent your N-400 to USCIS?

Do you receive mail at another address?

Where do you get your mail?



Phone and e-mail

What is your phone number during the day?

What is your phone number in the evening?

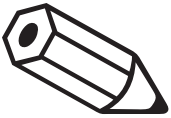
Do you have a different number at work?

Do you have an e-mail address?

What is your e-mail address?

Part 5. Information for Criminal Records Search

The USCIS uses this information and your fingerprints to search for criminal records. USCIS officers search for criminal records before your interview. Your adjudicator may ask you questions about Part 5 during your interview if there is a difference between answers in your N-400 application and the information found in criminal records.



Part 6. Information about Your Residence and Employment

The adjudicator will ask you questions about the places you have lived in the last five years and the jobs you held during those years.



Addresses

You live at 15214 Mimosa Drive, right?

How long have you lived there?

How long have you lived at your current address?

What was your address before that?

What was your previous address?

What was your last address?

When did you move to that address?

When did you leave that address?

When did you begin living at that address?

Where else have you lived since you received your Permanent Resident Card?

Have you lived at any other addresses?

Have you lived anywhere else in the past five years?



Employment/Jobs

You work for Martin Enterprises, right?

Do you have a job?

Are you currently employed?

Who is your current employer?

Where do you work?

What is your employer's address?

How long have you worked there?

How long have you worked at your current job?

When did you begin working there?

How long have you had this job?

What do you do there?

What is your position?

What kind of work do you do?

What do you do at Martin Enterprises?

What is your occupation?

What job did you have before that?

Where did you work before that?

Who did you work for before that?

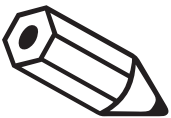
When did you begin that job?

When did you leave that job?

Have you worked anywhere else since you became a permanent resident?

Have you had any other jobs in the past five years?

Do you remember the dates you worked there?



Part 7. Time outside the United States

Part 7 of Form N-400 asks you questions about travel outside the U.S. Remember that the USCIS requires you to live in the U.S. if you want to apply for naturalization. Listen to the CD, track 24 to hear the questions that follow. Write your answers in the space provided.



Have you spent any time outside the U.S. since you became a permanent resident?

Have you left the U.S. since you became a permanent resident?

Have you been outside the U.S. in the past five years?

Have you taken any trips outside the U.S. since you became a permanent resident?

Have you left the U.S.?

How many trips did you take outside the U.S.?

What country did you visit?

Where did you go?

Have you gone to any other countries?

How long were you gone?

How long did you stay there?

How long did you stay in Italy?

How long were you away from the U.S.?

How long was your trip?

How many days were you outside the U.S.?

When did you travel?

When did you leave the U.S.?

When did you return?

Did you stay outside the U.S. for six months?

Have you been outside the U.S. any other times?

Have you taken any other trips?

Did you take any other trips outside the U.S.?



Part 8. Information about Your Marital History

Practice answering questions about your marital history. We also call this your marital status.



Are you married?

Are you currently married?

Have you ever been married?

Is this your first marriage?

Were you ever married before now?

Have you had previous marriages?

How many times have you been married?



Questions for a woman with a husband or former husband

What is your husband's name?

What is his date of birth?

When were you married?

What was the date of your marriage?

Does he live with you?

Where does he live?

What is his immigration status?

Is he a U.S. citizen?

Is he a permanent resident?

When did he become a citizen?

Where did he become a citizen?

Was your husband married before?

Has your husband ever been married before?

How many times has he been married?

Does he have a former wife?

What was his former wife's name?

When were they married?

When were they divorced?

Do you know the date of your husband's divorce?

Was his former wife a permanent resident?



Questions for a man with a wife or former wife

What is your wife's name?

What is her date of birth?

When were you married?

What was the date of your marriage?

Does she live with you?

Where does she live?

What is her immigration status?

Is she a U.S. citizen?

Is she a permanent resident?

When did she become a citizen?

Where did she become a citizen?

Was your wife married before?

Has your wife ever been married before?

How many times has she been married?

Does she have a former husband?

What was her former husband's name?

When were they married?

When were they divorced?

Do you know the date of your wife's divorce?

Was her former husband a permanent resident?



Part 9. Information about Your Children

Your adjudicator will ask questions about all your children. Remember that you must tell the adjudicator about your children who are living, dead, and missing.



Do you have children?

Do you have any sons or daughters?

You don't have any children, do you?

How many children do you have?

What are the names of your children?

What are their names?

When were they born?

What are the dates of their birth?

What are their birth dates?

You have two children, is that correct?

Where were your children born?

Were your children born in the U.S.?

In what country were they born?

Where do your children live?

Where do they live now?

Do your children live with you?

Your exam

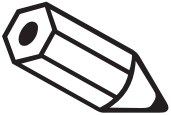
U.S. History and Government

Your adjudicator may ask you to read questions about U.S. history and government. Some adjudicators may read the questions to you. Your adjudicator will ask you to answer five or more questions about U.S. history and government. You learned about U.S. history and government in Chapters 3 – 8 of this book. See Appendix III for a list of 100 questions asked by USCIS adjudicators. You must answer most of the questions correctly.

English

Your adjudicator will ask you to **read** one or more sentences. She will give you a second sentence if you have problems.

Your adjudicator will ask you to **write** one or more sentences. She will give you a second sentence if you have problems.



Part 10. Additional Questions

This is the last part of Form N-400 the adjudicator will ask about. It has many important sections. We will work through the sections—one at a time. Listen to the CD, track 25 to hear the questions that follow.



General Questions

Did you ever say that you were a U.S. citizen?

Have you ever lied about being a U.S. citizen?

Have you ever claimed to be a citizen?

Did you ever register to vote in the U.S.?

Have you ever voted in a U.S. election?

Do you work?

Do you pay taxes to the state and federal government?

Do you pay state and federal income taxes every year?

Do you file income tax returns every year you work?

Have you ever failed to file local, state, or U.S. income taxes?

Have you paid all the taxes you owe?

Do people in your country call you by a special title?

Do you have a title of nobility in your birth country or your country of nationality?

Did you stay in a mental hospital in the last five years?

Did a doctor and judge decide that you could not understand what was happening?

Did the judge assign a guardian to make decisions for you?

What does “legally incompetent” mean?



Affiliations

Do you belong to any groups in the U.S.?

Are you a member of a church or a union?

Are you a member of a club or organization?

In your country did you belong to any group?

Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Have you ever been a member of a totalitarian party?

Have you ever been a member of a terrorist organization?

Have you ever told people they should fight a war against the U.S. government?

Do you want to fight a war against the government of the U.S.?

Have you ever told people they should fight a war against another country?

Have you ever hurt anyone because they were of a different race?

Have you ever hurt anyone because they looked different from you?

Have you ever hurt anyone because they belonged to a different religion?

Have you ever hurt anyone because they belonged to a different group?

Have you ever hurt anyone because they came from a different place?

Did you work for the Nazi government of Germany between 1933 and 1945?

Did you help the Nazi government in World War II?



Residence and Taxes

Have you ever filed tax returns as a nonresident?

Do you say “I am a nonresident” because you don’t want to pay taxes?

Have you ever failed to pay taxes because you felt that you were a nonresident?



Good Moral Character

Have you ever broken the law?

Have you ever committed a crime?

Have you ever done anything illegal?

Have you ever done anything against the law?

Have you ever had a problem with the police?

Have you ever been arrested?

Have you ever been to court?

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime?

What was the crime?

Have you ever been on parole?

Have you ever been in jail?

Do you get drunk every day?

Do you get drunk often?

Have you ever had problems with drinking?

Have you ever gotten a ticket for drinking while driving?

Have you ever been paid for having sex?

Have you ever paid someone to sleep with you?

Have you ever bought or sold sex?

Do you sell illegal drugs?

Have you ever sold illegal drugs?

Have you ever had problems with marijuana or cocaine?

Have you ever brought illegal drugs into the U.S.?

Do you have more than one husband or wife?

Have you ever illegally helped someone come to the U.S. without a visa?

Have you ever helped anyone enter the U.S. illegally?

Do you gamble for money?

Do you gamble illegally?

Have you ever taken money from illegal gambling?

Do your children live with you?

Do you support your children?

Did a judge require you to pay child support payments?

Do you pay child support for children who do not live with you?

Have you ever failed to pay alimony?

Have you ever failed to pay child support?

Have you ever told INS or USCIS something that was not true?

Did you write anything on your INS or USCIS forms that was not true?

Did you lie to get your green card? OR Did you lie to get a visa?

Did you lie to INS or USCIS so that you could stay in the U.S.?



Removal, Exclusion and Deportation Proceedings

Are you currently waiting for removal proceeding results?

Has a judge ever ordered you to leave the U.S.?

Has INS or USCIS ever told you that you must go back to your country?

Have you ever been sent back to your country by the U.S.?

Have you ever asked not to be deported from the U.S.?



Military Service

Have you ever been in the U.S. military?

Have you ever left the U.S. so you would not have to serve in the military?

Have you ever told the government you could not serve in the armed forces?

If you were a soldier, did you ever desert from the military?

When you were a soldier, did you ever run away from the military?



Selective Service Registration

The adjudicator will only ask men these questions.

Are you between 18 and 26 years of age?

Were you a resident of the U.S. when you were between 18 and 26 years of age?

Did you register for Selective Service between 18 and 26 years of age?

Why not?

Why did you fail to register with Selective Service?



Oath Requirements

The Oath of Allegiance is in Chapters 1 and 8 of this book.

Do you agree with the form of government of the United States?

Do you agree with the Constitution of the United States?

Do you support the Constitution and form of government of the U.S.?

Are you willing to take the Oath of Allegiance?

Do you understand the Oath of Allegiance?

Explain the Oath of Allegiance in your words.

Are you willing to bear arms for this country?

Would you be willing to carry a gun and fight in the U.S. military?

Even against your old country?

Would you be willing to do other jobs for the U.S. military?

Are you willing to do other important jobs for the U.S.?



(Religious Exceptions)

Why does your church not believe in taking the Oath of Allegiance?

Would you be willing to work in your community in a time of emergency?

What is your church?

How long have you been a member of this church?

Your signature

You signed Part 11 before you sent your Form N-400 to the USCIS. Maybe someone helped you complete your Form N-400. This person signed Part 12 and wrote their personal information.

At the end of your interview your adjudicator will ask you to sign Part 13. Your signature must be clear. The adjudicator must be able to recognize your signature. The adjudicator will sign his/her name too.

Your adjudicator will ask you to sign the pictures you sent with your Form N-400. The adjudicator will look at all of the signatures on your Form N-400 and the pictures. Your signatures must match. Your signatures must look the same.

If you asked to change your name, the adjudicator will ask you to sign the Name Change Petition. This form is a request to change your name.

Then the adjudicator will complete a Form N-652. He/She will give you the results of your interview on Form N-652. This form tells you if you passed the English and civics tests.

You passed the English and civics tests.

OR

You did not pass the English and civics tests. (The adjudicator will explain.)

You may be invited back for a second interview in 60 days or more if:

- your English was not good enough
- you could not answer the questions about U.S. history and government

The USCIS will send you a letter with the new date if you are given a second interview.

The Oath Ceremony

After you pass the citizenship interview, the USCIS will mail you a letter about your Oath Ceremony. This is Form N-445, Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony. You will become a U.S. citizen at the Oath Ceremony.

Form N-445 will tell you the time, date, and location of your Oath Ceremony. Form N-445 will also tell you what to bring to the Oath Ceremony:

- Form N-445
- your Permanent Resident Card
- Reentry Permit or Refugee Travel Document
- any Immigration documents you may have
- your child—if the naturalization application is for your child

If you cannot go to the ceremony, you must return Form N-445 to the USCIS. In your letter, you must tell them why you cannot go to the ceremony. The USCIS will send you a notice of an Oath Ceremony at a later date. You must go to an Oath Ceremony to become a U.S. citizen.

Read Form N-445 carefully. Complete the questions and sign on the back of the form. Follow all the instructions.

The day of your Oath Ceremony you will hear instructions from USCIS officers and a judge. You will say the Oath of Allegiance and you will receive a Certificate of Naturalization.

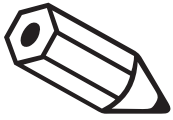
Congratulations! You have worked hard and waited a long time to arrive at this moment. It is a very important time in your life. What will you do now?

- celebrate
- register to vote
- bring family members to the U.S.
- get a U.S. passport
- apply for a U.S. government job
- apply for citizenship for your children

What will you do?



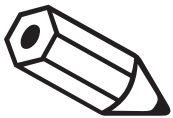
Review Activities



Find the meaning

Write in the blank space the letter of the correct meaning.

<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
_____ 1. response	A. a strong request
_____ 2. jurat	B. to serve as a soldier
_____ 3. bear arms	C. an explanation of a person's single, married, or widowed life
_____ 4. martial history	D. you promise to tell the truth
_____ 5. affiliation	E. membership within a group, club, or other organization
_____ 6. petition	F. not able or capable of making decisions for yourself
_____ 7. signature	G. the name of a person written by his or her hand
_____ 8. alimony	H. a reply, reaction, or answer
_____ 9. incompetent	I. money paid to a divorced person by their former husband or wife



Yes or no?

Circle the correct answer.

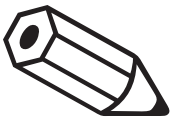
Yes	No	1. It is very important to practice your interview.
Yes	No	2. The adjudicator will ask you questions about your Form N-400.
Yes	No	3. The interview begins when you sit down in the adjudicator's office.
Yes	No	4. You can ask the adjudicator for help if you do not understand.
Yes	No	5. The adjudicator will ask to see your Permanent Resident Card and your passport.
Yes	No	6. The adjudicator may ask questions about Part 5 of your Form N-400.
Yes	No	7. The adjudicator will ask if your address or your job has changed since you sent your Form N-400.
Yes	No	8. You must answer all of the history and civics questions correctly.
Yes	No	9. If you fail the interview, you cannot get a second interview.
Yes	No	10. The USCIS will send you a notice or letter with the date, time, and location of the Oath Ceremony.



Important questions

Answer these questions.

1. What's your family name? _____
2. What's your date of birth? _____
3. What is your street address? _____
4. Who is your current employer? _____
5. Where did you work before that? _____
6. How long have you lived at your current address? _____
7. Have you been outside the U.S. since you became a permanent resident? _____
8. Are you currently married? _____
9. Do you have any sons or daughters? _____
10. Do you pay state and federal income taxes every year? _____
11. In your old country, did you belong to any group? _____
12. Do you support the Constitution and the form of government of the U.S.? _____
13. Are you willing to bear arms for this country? _____



Interview questions

Answer these questions.

Explain the Oath of Allegiance in your own words. See the Oath in Chapter 1 or 8.

Since you sent your Form N-400 to USCIS, what personal information from your N-400 application has changed?



Answering questions during your interview

Choose the correct answer. Each question has only one correct answer.

1. Hairong served in the U.S. military for five years.
The adjudicator asks “Have you ever been in the U.S. military?”
 - a. 134 Milton Street.
 - b. I have two children.
 - c. Yes, for five years.
 - d. I’m not in the military any more.

2. Anindya had four children. Three live in the U.S. One child died in 1998.
The adjudicator asks “You had four children, right?”
 - a. Yes, but one died in 1998.
 - b. Yes, I am married.
 - c. Yes, I work for Smith Brothers.
 - d. Yes, my son wants to be a police officer.

3. José travels to Venezuela to visit his family for two weeks every year.
The adjudicator asks “Have you taken any trips outside the U.S. since you became a permanent resident?”
 - a. No. I live in California.
 - b. Yes. I visit my family for two weeks every year.
 - c. No. I own a house.
 - d. Yes. My family.

4. Ashvin has been married two times.
The adjudicator asks “Is this your first marriage?”
 - a. Yes. I am married to Maryam.
 - b. No. I am married now.
 - c. No. I was married one time before.
 - d. Yes. We had two children.

5. Lenka pays state and federal taxes every year.
The adjudicator asks “Do you file income tax returns every year you work?”
 - a. I pay rent.
 - b. I pay Social Security taxes at work.
 - c. I work for Carson’s Nursery.
 - d. I file income tax returns every year.

6. Inderpreet was charged with simple theft two years ago.
The adjudicator asks “Have you ever committed a crime?”
 - a. No, no crime.
 - b. Yes, one crime.
 - c. Yes, someone stole my car.
 - d. No, I have committed no crimes.



Listening practice

You must understand, speak, read, and write English to pass the citizenship interview and exam. In each chapter of this book, we will practice these skills.

1. Listen to track number 19 of the CD that comes with your book.
2. Listen to the speaker two times.
3. Choose the sentence or question that you hear.
 1. _____ a. What is your family name?
_____ b. What is your last name?
_____ c. What is your given name?
 2. _____ a. What is your current legal name?
_____ b. What other names have you used?
_____ c. Do you go by any other names?
 3. _____ a. Would you like to change your name?
_____ b. What name would you like to use?
_____ c. What name do you want on your naturalization certificate?
 4. _____ a. When did you get your Permanent Resident Card?
_____ b. In what year did you get your green card?
_____ c. How long have you been a permanent resident?
 5. _____ a. Is your application based on permanent residence?
_____ b. Is your application based on marriage to a citizen?
_____ c. Is your application based on U.S. military service?
 6. _____ a. When were you born?
_____ b. What's your date of birth?
_____ c. You were born on November 12, 1986, right?
 7. _____ a. What is your street address?
_____ b. What is your current address?
_____ c. What is your apartment number?
 8. _____ a. What kind of work do you do?
_____ b. What is your position?
_____ c. What is your occupation?



Writing practice

1. Listen to track number 20 of the CD that comes with your book.
2. Listen to the sentence two times.
3. Write the sentence.
4. Listen to the sentence one more time.
5. Read the sentence you wrote.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____
