

The parts of the trial test

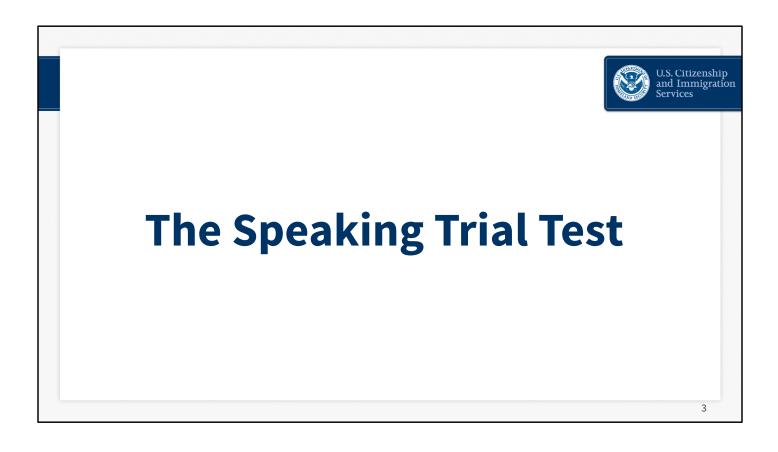


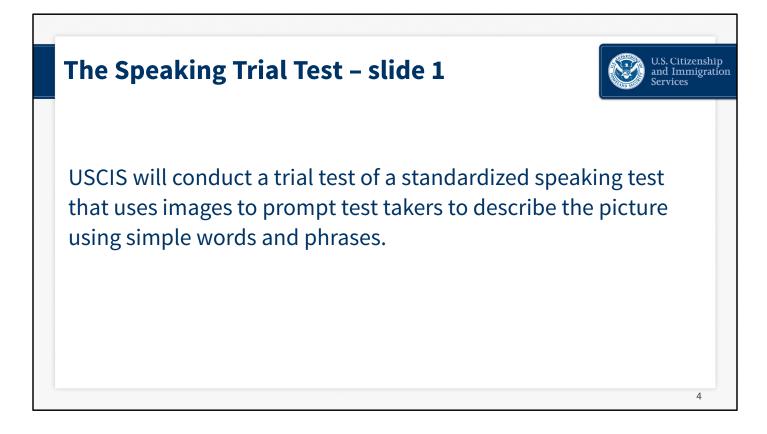
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USCIS will trial test the following parts of the naturalization test over a 5-month period in 2023:

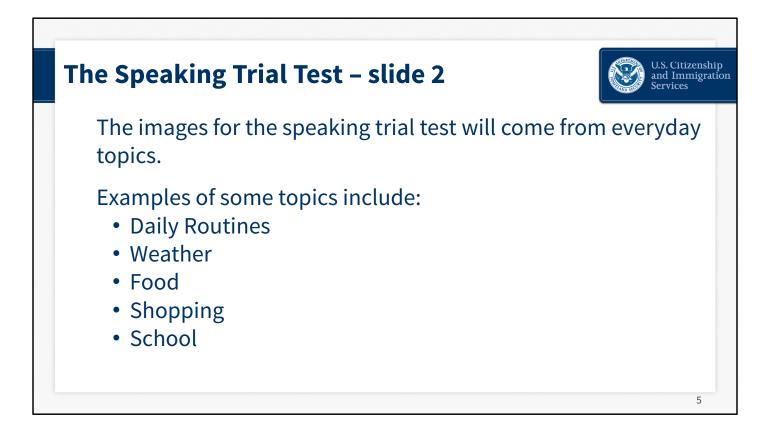
- A speaking trial test
- A multiple-choice civics trial test

The trial test will have no impact on any N-400 filed by the trial participant.

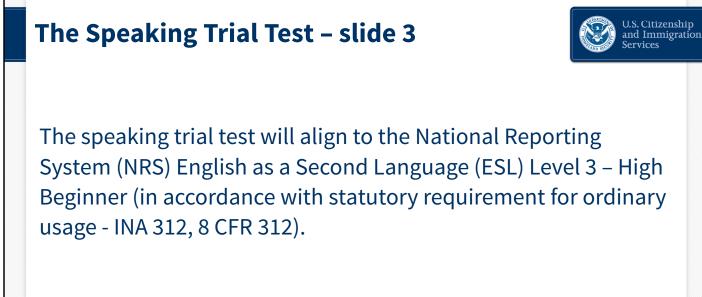




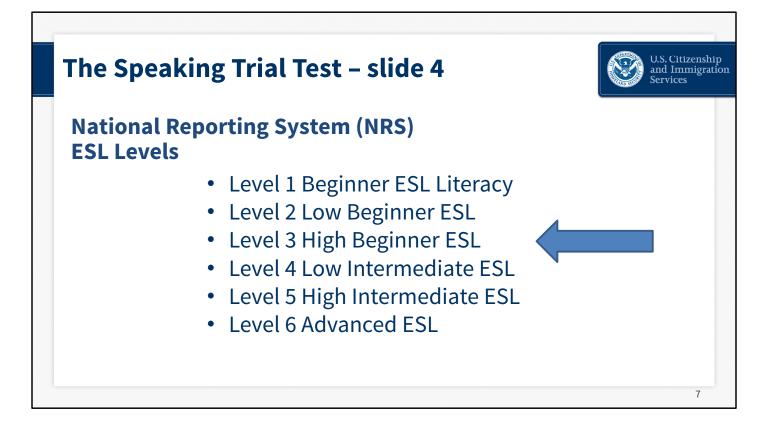
- The Form N-400 under this proposal would not be used to assess speaking and understanding.
- USCIS would be assessing the understanding of English through the questions or prompts given with the speaking test instead of using the interview questions and Form N– 400.



- The everyday topics align with the statutory requirements of "ordinary usage"
- These topics can be commonly found in adult ESL textbooks and in ESL assessments
- The TAG will review each of the content areas and make recommendations
- Volunteer students will know which content areas to study and teachers at volunteer Community Based Organizations will receive practice educational materials.



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• The trial speaking test will align to NRS ESL Level 3 High Beginner

https://nrsweb.org/resources/test-benchmarks-nrseducational-functioning-levels-efl-updated-august-2019

• The reading and writing test are already aligned to NRS Level 3.

The Speaking Trial Test – slide 5



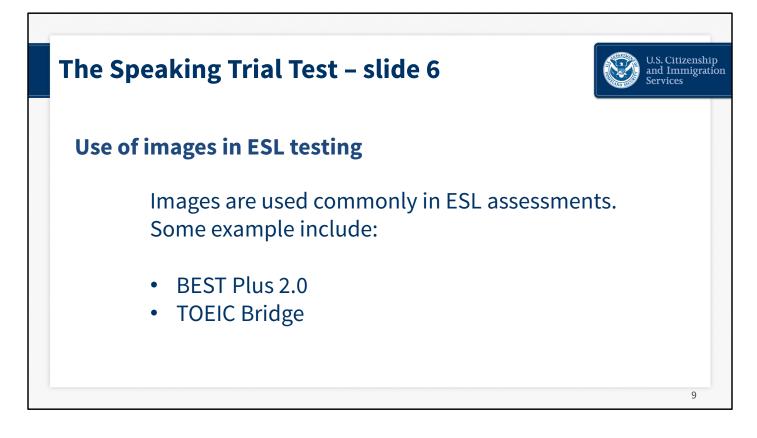
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NRS Level 3 High Beginner ESL

"Individual can understand common words, simple phrases, and sentences containing familiar vocabulary, spoken slowly with some repetition. Individual can respond to simple questions about personal everyday activities, and can express immediate needs, using simple learned phrases or short sentences. Shows limited control of grammar."

Source: Center for Applied Linguistics

- https://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/pdfs/NRSFunctioningLev elTable.pdf
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- BEST Plus 2.0 https://www.cal.org/aea/bp/
- TOIEC Bridge https://www.ets.org/toeic/organizations/about/bridge.html

The Speaking Trial Test – slide 7



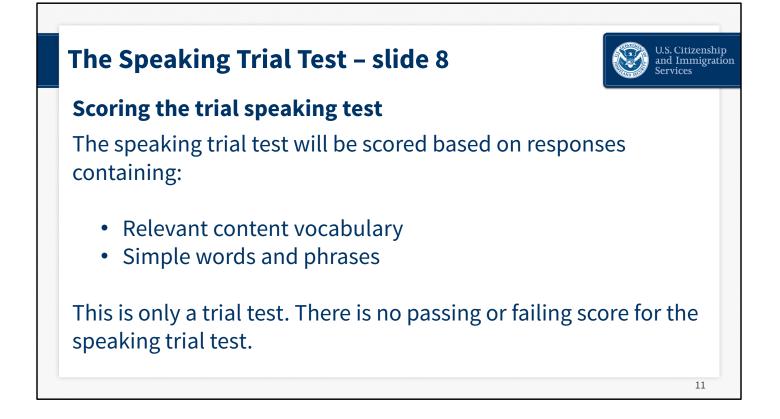
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Sample draft trial speaking test item

- Teacher gives instructions to volunteer trial test taker.
- Sample prompt on screen: "Tell me about this picture".



- The teachers in the trial test will give instructions before displaying the prompt and picture.
- The teachers can rephrase and repeat.
- The teachers will also cover all content areas and practice with students before the trial tests.
- Image taken from Microsoft PPT stock images.



- The TAG will review the data and provide recommendations on the responses.
- Note: answers do not have to be in complete sentences.

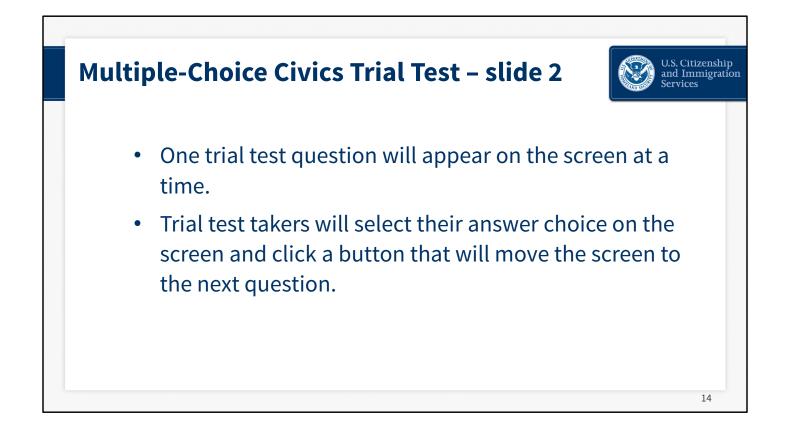


Multiple-Choice Civics Trial Test – slide 1



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- The civics trial test questions will use a multiple-choice format.
- USCIS is creating a bank of multiple-choice trial test questions.
- Trial test takers will answer ten (10) randomly selected from the test bank of multiple-choice civics test trial test questions.
- The multiple-choice civics trial test ends when the test taker answers all 10 randomly selected questions.
- This is only a trial test. There is no passing or failing score on the multiple-choice civics trial test and the trial test will have no impact on any N-400 filed by the trial participant.



Multiple-Choice Civics Trial Test – slide 3

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

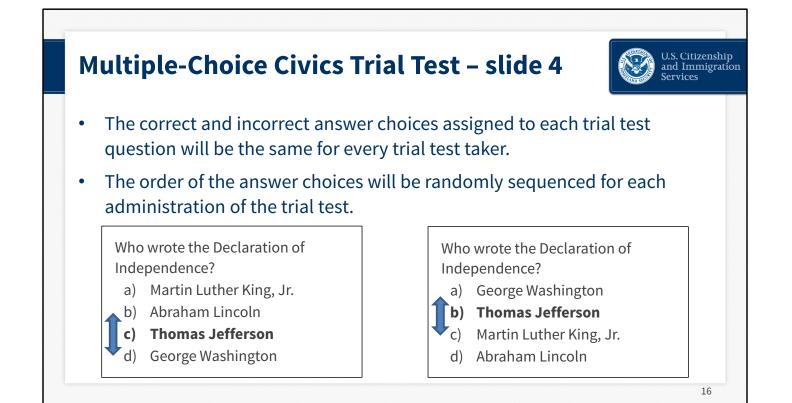
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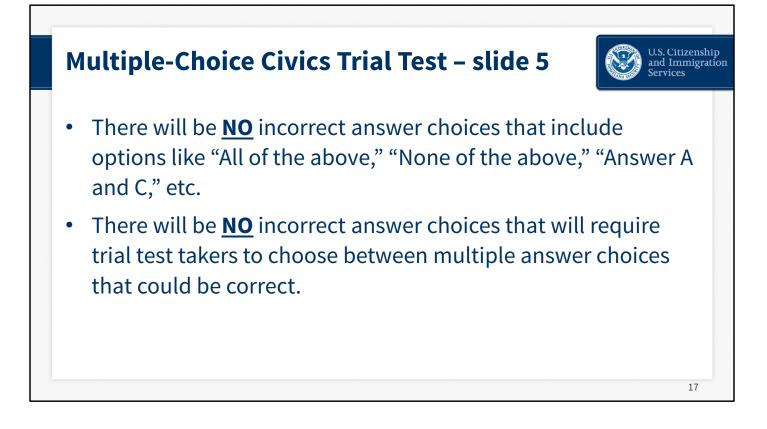
- Each trial test question has:
 - One correct answer choice
 - Three incorrect answer choices
- The correct answer choice will be clearly identifiable from the incorrect answer choices.

Sample Draft Civics Test Item: Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

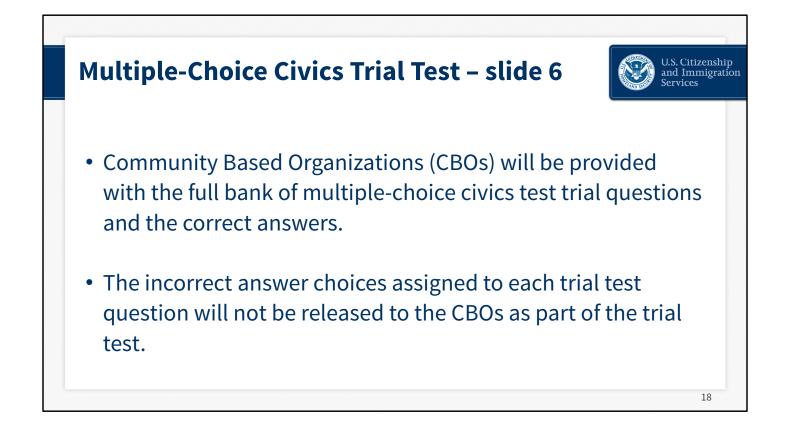
- a. George Washington
- b. Thomas Jefferson
- c. Abraham Lincoln
- d. Martin Luther King Jr.

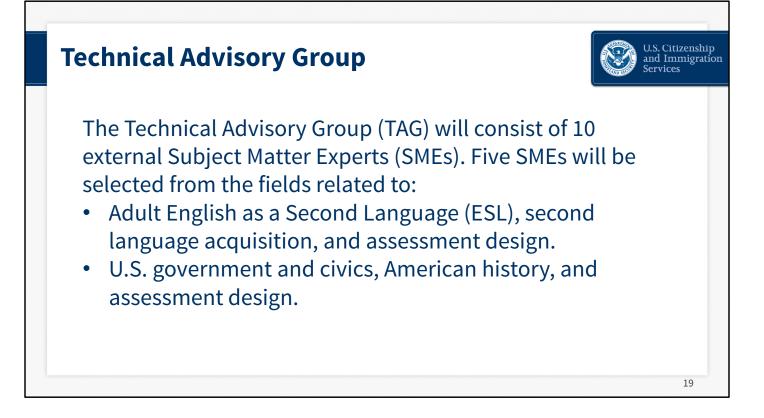
Sample Draft Civics Test Item Based on question #62 on the 2008 Civics Test.



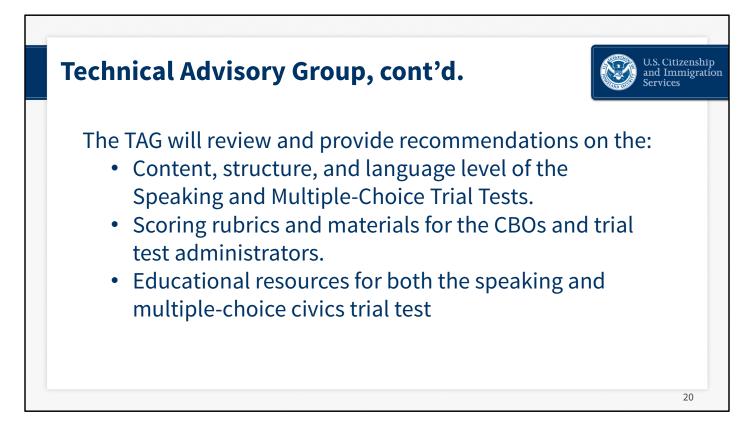


• All incorrect answer choices will be selected from other content in the bank of questions on the multiple-choice civics trial test.

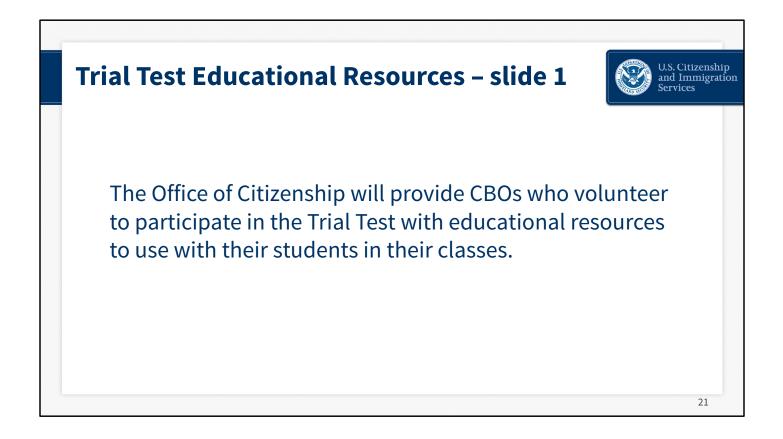


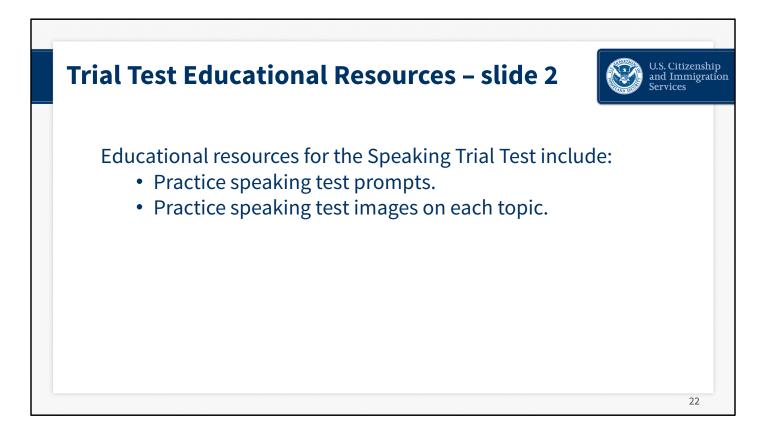


- A contractor will be used to facilitate the TAG, and it will be the contractor who selects the individuals to serve as SMEs on the TAG.
- An individual who wishes to be part of the TAG would have to be selected by the organizations that wins the contract.

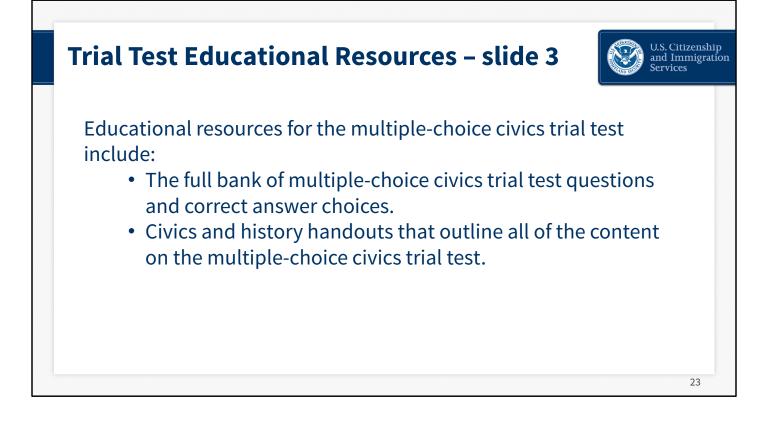


• The TAG will review the speaking and multiple-choice trial test before and after the trial test.





• CBOs will receive trial test educational resources to use in their classes with volunteer trial test takers.



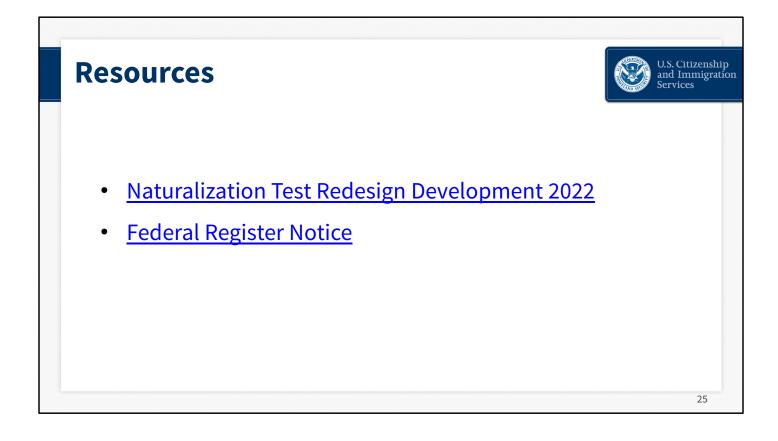
Volunteering for the trial test



The Office of Citizenship is seeking nonprofit organizations that are offering adult ESL classes and/or adult citizenship classes to volunteer for the trial tests. Some eligibility requirements to volunteer are listed below. Volunteer organizations must:

- Be a nonprofit with 501(c)3 status;
- Be conducting adult education classes during the trial test period; and
- Incorporate trial test educational materials provided by the Office of Citizenship in their curriculum.

Email <u>natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov</u> if you are interested in volunteering.





- Thank you for joining us.
- To provide additional comments on the naturalization test redesign trial testing period or for more information on volunteer opportunities, please email us at: <u>natzredesign22@uscis.dhs.gov</u>
- To provide additional feedback the engagement itself, please email us: public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov
- As mentioned earlier, this session is part of a series of sessions on the naturalization trial testing process that we plan to hold in the coming months, so please stay tuned for upcoming invitations and register for the Public Engagement list serv to receive additional updates.
- Again, thank you for joining us, and we appreciate your interest in this important topic.

• Please enjoy the remainder of your day.

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