

Naturalization

Vocabulary

Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher.

- **Naturalization** The legal act by which a non-citizen in a country may acquire citizenship or nationality of that country
 - **Legal** Of the law / From the law
 - **Residency** Living in a place; having the legal right to live there
 - **Non-citizen** A person not from the local country, holding another passport
 - **Acquire** To get
 - **Statute** Through or from a law
 - **Without any effort** Without having to do anything
 - **Specify** Identify clearly
 - **Dominant** Most popular or influential
 - **Oath** A spoken promise, usually giving support to a country or way of thinking
 - **Renounce** Abandon, to resign, to give up owning something
 - **Iz'da** "Is the" (pronounced quickly)
 - **On'da** "On the" (pronounced quickly)
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Passage

Read the passage with the teacher, asking questions about content, and then answer the questions on the next page.

Naturalization is the **legal** act by which a **non-citizen** in a country may **acquire** citizenship or nationality of that country. It may be done by a **statute**, **without any effort** on the part of the individual, or it may involve an application and approval by **legal** authorities. The rules of **naturalization** vary from country to country and typically include a minimum **legal residency** requirement, and may **specify** other requirements such as knowledge of the national **dominant** language or culture, a promise to obey and uphold that country's laws. An **oath** or is also sometimes required. Some countries also require that the person **renounce** any other citizenship that they currently hold, forbidding **dual citizenship**, but whether this **renunciation** actually causes loss of the person's original citizenship, as seen by the host country and by the original country, will again depend **on the** laws of the countries involved.

Courtesy of Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/Naturalization>

Checking Understanding

1. How can you acquire citizenship of a country?
2. What are the 2 ways that you can become naturalized?
3. What are some of the requirements of naturalization?
4. What do you have to have knowledge of for naturalization in some countries?
5. What is forbidden by some countries?
6. How to pronounce “Is the” quickly?
7. How to pronounce “On the” quickly?

Conversation Questions

Take turns asking the questions with your teacher, and if there's any time left over you can free chat

- Have you ever thought of moving to another country?
- Could you live away from your parents for a long time?
- If you could move to any country which country would it be? Why?
- Which countries do you think are best for single people? Married people?
- Which countries are best for raising children?
- What are some reasons why someone would move to another country?
- Do you have any friends or family who have moved abroad?
- Do you have more than one citizenship?
- If you could have 2 passports which 2 passports would you want?
- Do you know anyone who has dual citizenship?
- Would you get married to someone to get a new citizenship?
- Which citizenship do you think is best for travelers? For business owners?
- Which citizenship do you think is best for the right to work in many countries?
- Do you know anyone who went abroad to study and got married and stayed in that new country?