

Who is a refugee? An immigrant? Test your knowledge!
You may be quite surprised and even learn something new!

Correct Answers:

1. Immigrant:

F. The status given to a legal member of a country by birth or naturalization. The person owes allegiance to this country and they are entitled to be protected. This status involves rights, duties, and privileges. After five years of permanent residence, a person may apply for this status. They must pass a test (basic English and U.S. history and government) and interview with a U.S. immigration officer. If they are approved, they are required to take an oath. They then can vote, acquire a passport, and enjoy all of the same rights as someone who was born into this status.

2. Citizenship

B. A person who leaves one country to settle permanently in another country.

3. Naturalization

A. The conferring, by any means, of citizenship upon a person after birth.

4. Alien

C. The legal term for people who are not citizens of the country in which they live. While this is the legal, technical term it has negative connotations when used outside of the legal community.

5. Refugee

E. Any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. These people are unwilling or unable to seek the protection of their government. They are subject to ceilings by geographic area set annually by the U.S. President in consultation with Congress and are eligible to adjust to lawful permanent resident status after one year of continuous presence in the U.S.

6. Undocumented

D. A foreign born individual living in the U.S. without correct immigration documentation. This person may have entered illegally or entered legally as visitor or student but has not applied or been approved to continue living in the U.S. Also known as "Illegal Immigrant," however this term is offensive to many.

Definitions from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website:
www.uscis.gov/graphics/glossary.htm