

A test of citizenship? - Glossary

accept verb

to recognize that something is true, fair, or right
Sam accepted her explanation without question.

citizen noun [C]

someone who has the right to live permanently in a particular country and has the right to the legal and social benefits of that country as well as legal obligations towards it

citizenship noun [UC]

the legal right to be a citizen of a particular country
I'm applying for Canadian citizenship.

collection noun [C]

a group of things

community noun [C]

the people who live in an area
I wanted to work somewhere where I could serve the community.

consider verb

to think about someone's feelings or reactions
I need to consider my family before I make my decision.

culture noun [C]

a set of ideas, beliefs, and ways of behaving of a particular organization or group of people
The two firms have very different corporate cultures.

ethnic adj

relating to a group of people who have the same culture and traditions
The country's population consists of three main ethnic groups.

fact noun [C]

a piece of true information
They have simply attempted to state the facts.

immigrant noun [C]

someone who comes to live in a country from another country
There has been a rise in the number of immigrants coming from Eastern Europe, especially Poland.

knowledge noun [UC]

all the facts that someone knows about a particular subject
The teacher's comments are designed to help improve your knowledge and understanding.

needless to say phrase

used for saying that something is already known or understood
Needless to say, I was very upset about the whole thing.

own adj

used for showing that something belongs to a particular person or thing and not to any other
You are free to do what you like in your own home.

own verb

to legally have something, especially because you have bought it
I've always wanted to own a little cottage by the sea.

participate in verb

to take part in something
Members are eligible for a 50% saving on room rates at all hotels that are participating in the scheme.

pass verb

to be successful in an examination or test by achieving a satisfactory standard
She passed her driving test.

share verb

to have the same opinion or feeling as someone else
I share the views expressed by my colleague.

value noun [C]

the principles and beliefs that influence the behaviour and way of life of a particular group or community
To its opponents in the developing world, globalization is seen as an attack on traditional cultural values.

way of life noun phrase [C]

a typical way in which a person or group lives
the rural way of life