

TAKE THE TEST

INS Citizenship Test Questions

The Immigration and Naturalization Service administers a test to all immigrants applying for citizenship. Here are some sample questions a person might be asked to answer. How would you do?



1. What are the colors of our flag?
2. How many stars are there in our flag?
3. What color are the stars on our flag?
4. What do the stars on the flag mean?
5. How many stripes are there in the flag?
6. What color are the stripes?
7. What do the stripes on the flag mean?
8. How many states are there in the Union?
9. What is the 4th of July?
10. What is the date of Independence Day?
11. Independence from whom?
12. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War?
13. Who was the first President of the United States?
14. Who is the President of the United States today?
15. Who is the vice-president of the United States today?
16. Who elects the President of the United States?
17. Who becomes President of the United States if the President should die?
18. For how long do we elect the President?
19. What is the Constitution?
20. Can the Constitution be changed?
21. What do we call a change to the Constitution?
22. How many changes or amendments are there to the Constitution?
23. How many branches are there in our government?

(The following questions are more difficult than the first 22.)

24. What are the three branches of our government?
25. What is the legislative branch of our government?
27. What is the Congress?
28. What are the duties of Congress?
30. How many senators are there in Congress?
32. For how long do we elect each senator?
35. What is the executive branch of our government?
37. What are the duties of the Supreme Court?
38. What is the supreme court law of the United States?
39. What is the Bill of Rights?
45. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death."?
49. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?
53. Who selects the Supreme Court justice?
54. How many Supreme Court justice are there?
59. Who was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence?
60. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

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On the question of immigration



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Massey Villarreal, CEO and president of Precision Task Group, Inc., and chairman of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation. In 2000, Villarreal served as national Hispanic vice-chairman of the Bush/Cheney for President Campaign.

On the question of Presidential Elections in Mexico

"There has never been a good president of Mexico. There is never anyone who does anything for the poor people," he said. "They say 'I am going to be good for the country,' they take the money and then they do nothing. I have no faith in them."



Jose Fernandez, a Mexican living in the United States who is originally from Gomez Farias in Michoacan.

On the question of Learning Another Language

"One sees more opportunities with English," **Lopez**, 33, said in Spanish. "You can connect to other people and get better jobs. I personally think that Americans become exasperated when we don't understand what they say. I get frustrated, too."

"It's happening with all immigrants," said **Eduardo Blanchet**, director of Berlitz Language Center in south Orlando. "Nowadays, the U.S. government is desperate to find people who speak Arab, Farsi or Chinese, and the same government knows that the pressure on immigrants to assimilate has led many to forget their languages."

The interest in English learning is evident to language schools such as **Blanchet's** as well as to the groups and churches trying to fulfill the need.

The Orlando advocacy group Latino Leadership, for instance, already has a waiting list of about 200 people for a summer class that will only accommodate about 90 students. The GROWS Literacy Council in Apopka often sends overflow students to the nearby St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church to keep its class sizes at about 30 students.

The Asociacion Borinquena de Florida Central, a Puerto Rican social club that recently started classes, says it already needs more money to satisfy demand in east Orange County. Prince of Peace Lutheran in east Orlando hopes to obtain a grant to build a low-cost English school, with meals and child-care services included.

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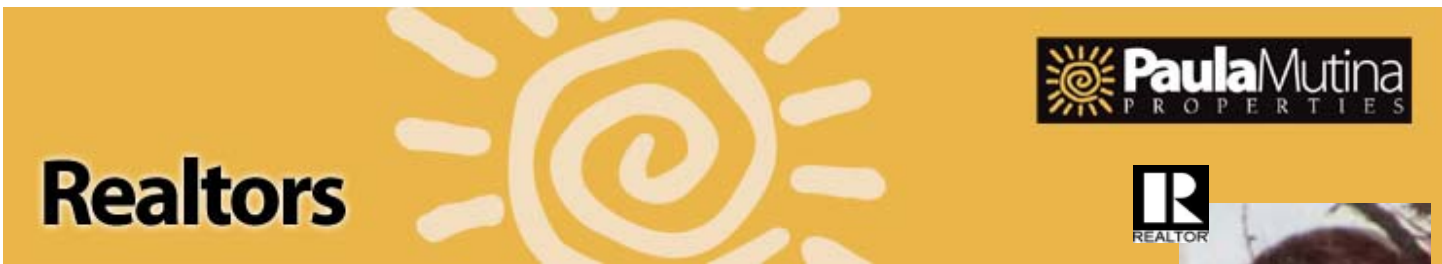


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“Dos de las cuestiones de salud más importantes que enfrenta la comunidad hispana durante los meses de verano son la protección del sol (incluido el uso adecuado de protector solar) y beber suficiente agua en el trabajo o mientras se realizan actividades recreativas”, señaló en una declaración preparada la Dra. Jane L. Delgado, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de la alianza. “Estos dos asuntos parecen algo simple, pero millones de personas en nuestra comunidad no están al tanto de la importancia para salvar vidas de estas simples medidas en la prevención del cáncer de piel y de insolación”.

El cáncer de piel podría ser, especialmente, un peligro oculto para los hispanos, dado que a menudo se detecta más tarde y en etapas más avanzadas que en los blancos. En un estudio publicado esta semana en *Archives of Dermatology*, investigadores de la Universidad de Miami hallaron que el 16 por ciento de los hispanos llegaba al consultorio de su médico con melanomas que habían hecho metástasis, propagación a otros órganos o tejidos, en comparación con el 9 por ciento de los blancos. El veinte y seis por ciento de los pacientes hispanos tenía melanoma con diseminación a órganos regionales o distantes, las etapas más severas, en comparación con el 16 por ciento de los pacientes blancos.

¿A qué se debe esta disparidad? El Dr. Robert Kirsner, autor principal del estudio, aseguró que “existe un menor nivel de concienciación entre los pacientes y los proveedores de atención médica en cuanto a que el melanoma puede ocurrir en poblaciones étnicas y pacientes de pigmentación oscura”.

La “Mobile Summer Hispanic Health Campaign” (Campaña móvil para la salud de los hispanos en el verano) de la alianza espera cambiar ese panorama. Los organizadores han establecido una línea de ayuda gratuita y bilingüe que está disponible de lunes a viernes entre las 9 a.m. y las 6 p.m., EST. Las personas que tengan preguntas sobre la protección solar en verano, cáncer de piel u otros temas pueden llamar al 1-866-SU-FAMILIA y recibir una recomendación confidencial gratuita de especialistas en información de la salud. Los representantes de la línea de ayuda pueden referir a las personas que llaman a los proveedores locales de atención médica o incluso proporcionales material de lectura sobre temas relacionados con sus preguntas.

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No one can ever argue in the name of education, that it is better to know less than it is to know more. Being bilingual or trilingual or multilingual is about being educated in the 21st century. We look forward to bringing our readers various word lists in each issue of *La Voz de Brazoria County*

Independence	Independencia
Constitution	Constitución
Flag	Bandera
Nation	Nación
Country	País
Government	Gobierno
Rights	Derechos
Laws	Leyes
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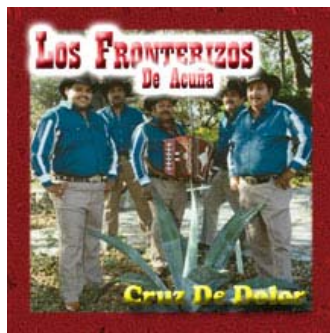
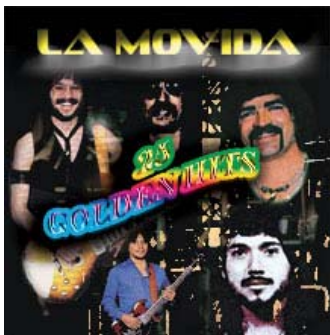
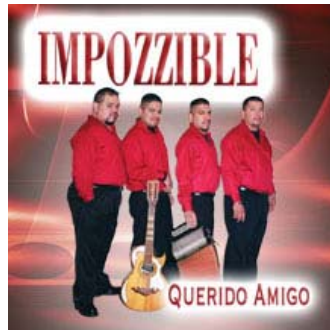
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This brings me to the immigration issue which is nothing more than a Republican election year diversion to avoid responsibility for a disastrous, dishonest and bloody foreign policy, and a deteriorating economy by blaming a group of impoverished hard working people of Hispanic heritage who have no one to defend them against such scapegoat tactics unless a new generation of objective young voters go to the polls this

November and call the Republican bluff. People coming here from south of the border are looking for jobs and a future, not trouble. The only logical humane and effective solution to the immigration issue is immediate green card status.

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