

Vocabulary for the N400 Application

Advocate: agree with and tell others about an idea.

Arrested: taken to jail by the police.

Bear arms: to own or use a gun.

Civilian: a person who is not in the military.

Claim: to say that something is true.

Country of Nationality: the country where you are currently a citizen or national.

Crime: an action that breaks the law.

Detention facility: a jail or prison where people wait before they go to court and have a trial.

Disability: a problem with your body or mind that prevents you from doing things that other people can do (for example blindness or deafness).

Divorce: legally stop being married

Fail: not pass a test; not complete or do something. *Examples: "I failed my driving test," means "I did not pass." "I failed to stop at the red light," means "I did not stop."*

False: not true.

File a tax return: send tax papers to the government.

Forcing sexual contact or relations: touching the male or female parts of the body when someone doesn't want it.

Fraudulent: to make people believe a lie so you can get something you want.

Gamble: pay money to guess who will win at sports or games so that you can try to get more money.

Genocide: killing a whole group or race of people because of their religion, race, or other reason.

Guerrilla group: a group of people who use weapons against or attack the military, police or government.

Habitual drunkard: a person who regularly drinks too much alcohol (gets drunk).

Immigration benefit: things that can help you because you are a documented immigrant, like being able to work and live in the United States.

Insurgent organization: a group of people that uses weapons to fight a government.

Jail: a building where police take people who are arrested for breaking the law.

Labor camp: a jail or prison where the prisoners have to do a lot of difficult work.

Legally incompetent: can't make decisions for yourself because you have mental problems.

Lie: to say things that are not true.

Marital Status: whether you are legally married, single, divorced or widowed.

Married: having a husband or wife. This means legally married. You can be legally married even if you don't currently live with your husband or wife.

Mental institution: a hospital for people with mental health problems.

Military unit: a group of people that work for a government to fight in a war; they may do this work on land, in boats or in airplanes.

Militia: an army that does not work for a government.

Misleading: causes a person to believe something that is not true to get something that you want.

Misrepresentation: to lie about who you are or something you did so that you can get something you want.

Noncombatant: not fighting.

Nonresident: a person who does not live in a specific place.

Obtain: to get something.

Overdue: late.

Owe: have a debt; be required to pay. *Examples: "I got a loan from the bank. Now I owe the bank \$500." "I need to pay my credit card bill. I owe \$215."*

Paramilitary unit: a group of people who act like the military, but do not work for a government.

Persecute: to hurt someone badly, or unfairly, often because of religion or political beliefs

Prison: a building where criminals must stay as punishment for breaking the law.

Police unit: a group of people who work for a government to catch people who break the law

Prison camp: a jail or prison for enemy soldiers or other military during a war.

Probation: a time when a person who has broken the law gets out of prison early but is required to regularly report to the police.

Public benefit: money from the government for things that can help you such as food stamps, housing assistance, or Social Security payments.

Rebel group: a group of people who fight a government or other group with power.

Register: sign up.

Resident: a person who lives in a specific place.

Single: not married now and never married before.

Self-defense unit: a group of people who work to protect a place if another group comes to fight them with weapons.

Smuggle: to secretly and illegally bring something into or out of a state or country.

Spouse: the person you are married to; your husband or wife.

Title of nobility: a position given by a King or Queen.

Torture: badly hurt someone for punishment or to get information.

Vigilante unit: a group of people who act like the police, but are not the police.

Weapon: something used to fight such as a gun, knife, or bomb.

Widowed: your marital status if your husband or wife died and you have not married again.

Armed Forces Vocabulary

Deploy: to move soldiers or other military to a new place so they can be ready

Stationed: a soldier stays in one place for some time as part of their job

Court-martialed: go to a military court

Discharged: a soldier leaves the military and stops being a soldier

Alien: not a citizen of the United States