

## N-400 VOCABULARY

**Alien:** not a citizen of the United States

**Alimony:** A husband's (or wife's) provision for a spouse after separation or divorce; maintenance

**Advocate:** agree with and tell others about an idea.

**Arrested:** taken to jail by the police

**Authorized:** gave permission or approved of

**Bear arms:** to own or use a gun

**Certify:** a signed promise that information is correct

**Cited:** Summon (someone) to appear in court

**Civilian:** a person who is not in the military

**Claim:** to say that something is true

**Communist:** One held to engage in left-wing, subversive, or revolutionary activities

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

**Court-martialed:** go to a military court

**Crime:** an action that breaks the law

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

**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)

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

**Divorce:** legally stop being married

**Fail:** not pass a test; not complete or do something

**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 legal husband or wife; 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

**Nazi:** A member of the National Socialist German Workers' Party

**Noncombatant:** A person who is not engaged in fighting during a war, especially a civilian, army chaplain, or army doctor

**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

**Perjury:** to lie under oath or after having promised to tell the truth

**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

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

**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.

**Terrorist:** A person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims

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

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

**Totalitarian Party:** Relating to a system of government that is centralized and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state

**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