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Citizenship Test May Require English Proficiency



The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services wants to require that immigrants must show they can speak English proficiently to become an American citizen, according to the Associated Press.

A proposal would add a section to the test to become an American citizen that would involve asking an applicant to describe photos of everyday scenes such as weather or food.

In the current test, an officer evaluates English speaking ability during the naturalization interview by asking personal questions that the applicant has already answered in the naturalization paperwork, the AP reported.

Last December, U.S. authorities said that the test was due for an update after 15 years. The new version is expected late next year.

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ProEnglish Tells Congress That 80% Of Americans Support Official English

ProEnglish has been spending significant time in Congress advocating for passage of the English Language Unity Act.

As part of the advocacy, ProEnglish has been promoting its poll, as produced by Pulse Opinion Research and ProEnglish, that shows that a whopping 80% of Americans nationwide support making English the official language of the USA.

A further breakdown of the poll results shows the following:



80% of Americans nationwide support official English.

78% of Whites support official English.

86% of Blacks support official English.

80% of Hispanics support official English.

90% of Republicans support official English.

72% of Democrats support official English.

All of these figures show overwhelming nationwide support for official English across races, ethnicities, and political parties.

Rosendale Cosponsors English Language Unity Act In U.S. House



Rep. Matthew Rosendale (R-MT) is the latest cosponsor of the English Language Unity Act (H.R.997) in the United States House of Representatives.

Rep. Bob Good (R-VA) is the main sponsor of the bill in the House, and Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH) is the main sponsor of the bill in the Senate.

The passage of the English Language Unity Act in Congress will save Americans billions of dollars every year in current, government-mandated translation and interpretation costs, and it also will encourage cultural and linguistic integration by new arrivals to our nation.

McDonald's Develops "English Under The Arches" Program



ProEnglish commends McDonald's for the development of "English Under The Arches" (EUA), an English language learning program specifically designed for managers and manager trainees.

As reported by the Aspen Institute as part of its "Skills For America's Future" program, McDonald's first developed EUA through a series of pilots in 2007, and in recent years the company has found that in order to continue helping

some employees take on more responsibilities, they must help them improve their English language skills. To be most effective, the English language training needed to be both available on the job to accommodate busy schedules and also tailored to the specific communications tasks required of a McDonald's manager.

The EUA program currently operates in over 30 sites around the country and is expected to expand in coming years. Classes are held during employees' work time at McDonald's, often in the "crew room" via computer. Students receive regular wages for the time they spend in language training and are able to immediately apply what they learn to their work.

The EUA program offers a variety of different types of learning experiences, including virtual classes; face-to-face classes; e-learning practice; and on-the-job practice.

EUA courses include Shift Basics; Shift Conversation; Shift Writing; and Conducting Performance Reviews.

On average, 86% of students have progressed one or more English language levels after completing each conversation course.

Since the program began in 2007, over 95% of participants who complete an EUA course have received a pay raise due to the increased responsibilities they are able to take on.

Domino's Owner Learned English From Pizza Menu

When Alok Yadav moved from India to the UK, he barely spoke any English, just a couple of basic words and phrases like "please" and "thank you."

Soon afterward, he began to work at Domino's pizza.

Now he owns his own Domino's store in the UK.

When Yadav began to work at Domino's, one of the first things he did was to learn English – by studying the Domino's pizza menu!

He started by learning words such as "chicken," "pineapple," and "anchovies." After that, he soon was able to say, "Thank you for choosing Domino's, my name is Alok, how can I help you?"

"I knew I had to learn [English] quickly if I wanted to progress, but it was really hard," he reflected. "It was tricky when someone ordered a 'Meatilicious' pizza because I couldn't say it."

"My colleagues were great in helping me learn [English]," he added, "and I was determined to do it."

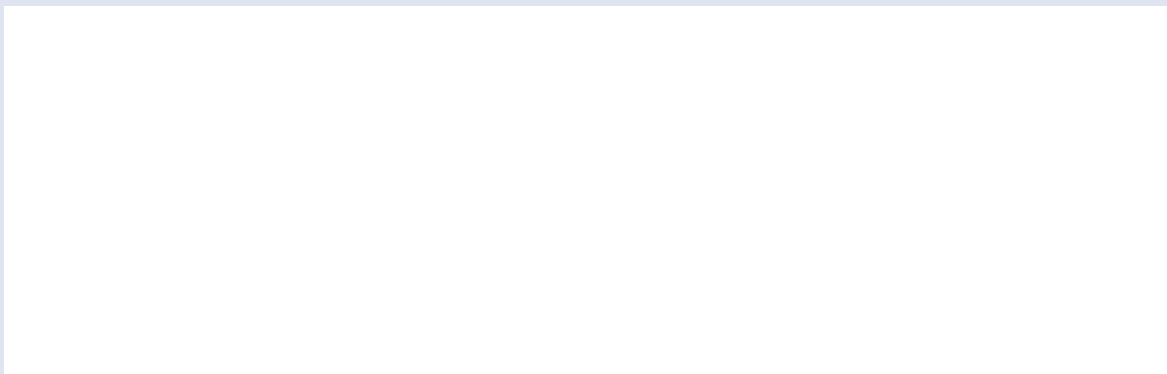
As Yadav learned English, he quickly rose in the ranks at Domino's, progressing from team member to supervisor to store manager.

Yadav now has opened his own Domino's franchise.

And it all started because he learned English.



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“We have but one flag; we must also learn one language, and that language is English.”

- President Theodore Roosevelt

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