

Lesson A-4

Base Words

annihilate	to destroy completely
aperture	an opening, especially one that admits light
inception	the beginning of something
incipient	in its early stages; beginning
negate	1. to disprove; to nullify 2. to rule out; to cancel; to repeal
nihilism	the total rejection of religious or moral beliefs
overt	done or shown openly
renegade	n. one who deserts a group, cause, faith, etc.; an outlaw; adj. traitorous
vacuous	empty, especially of meaning or purpose
vanity	1. conceit, especially about one's appearance 2. something worthless or useless 3. a dressing table
vaunt	v. to boast; to brag about

Familiar Words

evacuate	remove (someone) from a place of danger to a safer place
negative	1. not desirable or optimistic 2. (of a quantity) less than zero
nil	1. zero 2. nonexistent
vain	having or showing an excessively high opinion of one's appearance, abilities, or worth
void	1. not valid or legally binding 2. completely empty

Challenge Words

abnegate	renounce or reject (something desired or valuable).
aperitif	an alcoholic drink taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite.
devoid	entirely lacking or free from
incipit	the opening words of a text, manuscript, early printed book, or chanted liturgical text
renege	go back on a promise, undertaking, or contract
vacate	leave (a place that one previously occupied)