

Lesson A-7

Base Words

antebellum	of a period before a war, especially the American Civil War.
antecedent	(n) a thing or event that precedes; (adj) preceding; going before.
anterior	coming before in position or time.
avant-garde	(adj) ahead of the times, especially in the arts; (n) a group that is ahead of the times.
vanguard	leaders of a movement, fashion, etc.
precept	a command; a rule of conduct.
predestination	the belief that what happens in human life has already been determined by some higher power.
preempt	to take possession of something before anyone else can do so.
premonition	a warning in advance.
preposterous	absurd; contrary to nature or reason.
pretentious	showy; pompous; claiming unjustified distinction.
vanguard	a group of people leading the way in new developments or ideas

Familiar Words

precaution	a measure taken in advance to prevent something dangerous, unpleasant, or inconvenient from happening
precede	come before (something) in time
prefix	a word, letter, or number placed before another
preposition	in grammar, a word usually preceding a noun or pronoun and expressing a relation to another word or element in the clause
preside	be in the position of authority in a meeting or other gathering
presume	suppose that something is the case on the basis of probability
prevail	prove more powerful than opposing forces; be victorious

Challenge Words

ante	a stake put up by a player in poker and similar games before receiving cards
antedate	to precede in time
antediluvian	of or belonging to the time before the biblical Flood
ante meridiem	the twelve hours before noon
anteroom	a small room leading to a main one, typically serving as a waiting room
preamble	a preliminary or preparatory statement; an introduction
precinct	a district of a city or town as defined for police purposes
precipitate	cause (an event or situation, typically one that is bad or undesirable) to happen suddenly
précis	a summary or abstract of a text or speech
precocious	(of a child) having developed certain abilities or proclivities at an earlier age than usual
preconceive	(of an idea or opinion) formed before having the evidence for its truth or usefulness
preeminent	surpassing all others; very distinguished in some way
premise	a previous statement or proposition from which another is inferred or follows as a conclusion
preponderant	strongest or primary in influence, number, or importance
prerequisite	a thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or exist
prerogative	a right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class
prescience	the fact of knowing something before it takes place; foreknowledge
prevalent	widespread in a particular area or at a particular time

prevaricate

Speak or act in an evasive way