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## Unit 1: "A" Words: Vocabulary List and Alphabetizing



aftermath (af' tər math')

afterdeck (af' tər dek')

aftereffect (af' tər ə fekt')

antiquated (an' ti kwāt' id)

antedate (an' ti dāt')

adjourn (ə jûrn')

armistice (är' mə stis)

afterthought (af' tər thôt')

agitate (aj' i tāt')

aptitude (ap' tə tōd')

antebellum (an' ti bel' əm)

antecedent (an' tə sēd' nt)

antechamber (an' tē chām' bər)

afterglow (af' tər glō')

avenge (ə venj')

afterlife (af' tər līf')

asylum (ə sī' ləm)

acreage (ā' kər ij')

annihilate (ə nī' ə lāt')

accentuate (ak sen' chōō āt')

**Directions:** Write the above vocabulary words in alphabetical order below.

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| 1. _____  | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____  | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____  | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____  | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____  | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____  | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____  | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____  | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____  | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

## Unit 1: "A" Words: *Get the Facts!*

**aftermath** (af' tər math') result or consequence. *The aftermath of an earthquake can be chaotic.*

**antebellum** (an' ti bel' əm) before the war. *The antebellum lifestyle of the South greatly differed from its postwar style.*

**afterdeck** (af' tər dek') part of a deck at or near the stern of a ship. *The sailor was posted at the afterdeck of the ship.*

**antecedent** (an' tə sēd' nt) coming or happening before. *Ancient Egypt was antecedent to Ancient Greek civilization.*

**aftereffect** (af' tər ə fekt') effect or result that follows later. *The aftereffect of the atomic bomb was disastrous.*

**antechamber** (an' tē chām' bər) small waiting room. *The visitor was ushered into the antechamber of the mansion.*

**antiquated** (an' ti kwāt' id) old-fashioned; that which has grown old but is no longer valued. *Computers have made typewriters antiquated.*

**afterglow** (af' tər glō') glow remaining after something bright has gone. *There was an afterglow in the evening sky after the sunset.*

**antedate** (an' ti dāt') be or happen before; precede. *Telephones antedate e-mail as a means of communication.*

**avenge** (ə venj') get revenge for. *To avenge the crime, the court gave the criminal a harsh punishment.*

**adjourn** (ə jūrn') put off until a later time. *College adjourned for the Christmas holidays.*

**afterlife** (af' tər līf') life after death. *The Egyptians believed in afterlife.*

**armistice** (är' mə stis) stop in fighting; temporary peace; truce. *The warring nations called an armistice.*

**asylum** (ə sī' ləm) refuge; shelter. *The man from Cuba was given asylum in the United States.*

**afterthought** (af' tər thôt') thought that comes too late to be used. *The apology for his inconsiderate behavior was an afterthought that came too late to help.*

**acreage** (ā' kər ij') number of acres. *The farmer's corn acreage was profitable.*

**agitate** (aj' i tāt') disturb or excite very much. *James agitated the other boy with his sarcastic remarks.*

**annihilate** (ə nī' ə lāt') destroy completely; wipe out completely. *The flood annihilated the small town.*

**aptitude** (ap' tə tōd') natural tendency or talent; ability. *Einstein had an excellent aptitude for science.*

**accentuate** (ak sen' chōō āt') emphasize; heighten the effect of. *The bright blue sweater accentuated the color of her eyes.*

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**Unit 1: "A" Words: *Skills and Practice***

**Directions:** Write a **synonym** from the list of vocabulary words below on the line. A **synonym** is a word that means the same or nearly the same.

<b>antiquated</b>	<b>antecedent</b>	<b>aptitude</b>	<b>adjourn</b>	<b>avenge</b>
<b>antechamber</b>	<b>armistice</b>	<b>asylum</b>		

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ability _____       | 2. shelter _____  |
| 3. anteroom _____      | 4. previous _____ |
| 5. revenge _____       | 6. truce _____    |
| 7. old-fashioned _____ | 8. postpone _____ |

**Did You Know?** The prefix *ante-* means "before," as in *anterior*. The prefix *after-* means "after," as in *afterward*.

**Directions:** Write an **antonym** from the list of vocabulary words below on the line. An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite or nearly opposite. Some words will have more than one **antonym**.

<b>annihilate</b>	<b>aftermath</b>	<b>accentuate</b>	<b>antedate</b>	<b>agitate</b>
<b>aftereffect</b>	<b>antebellum</b>			

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. create _____   | 2. soothe _____   |
| 3. postwar _____  | 4. diminish _____ |
| 5. cause _____    | _____             |
| 6. postdate _____ |                   |

**Directions:** Write a sentence for each of the vocabulary words below on your own paper. Remember to check your spelling and punctuation.

<b>afterdeck</b>	<b>afterthought</b>	<b>afterglow</b>	<b>afterlife</b>	<b>acreage</b>
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**Extend Your Vocabulary**

1. Research the Egyptians' belief in afterlife. What part did the pyramid play in this belief?
2. Using a Venn diagram, compare and contrast the antebellum South with the postwar South.
3. Debate the issue: Is *avenge* a positive or destructive word?
4. Write a narrative piece about a time when you were agitated. Include your feelings.

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## Unit 1: "A" Words: *Vocabulary Quiz*

**Directions:** Match each vocabulary word with the correct meaning. Write the word on the line next to the meaning.

aftermath	asylum	afterdeck	antecedent	aftereffect
antechamber	agitate	afterglow	antedate	annihilate
adjourn	afterlife	armistice	antiquated	afterthought
acreage	avenge	aptitude	antebellum	accentuate

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| 1. _____ stop in fighting; temporary peace; truce                        | 11. _____ life after death                               |
| 2. _____ result or consequence   | 12. _____ before the war                                 |
| 3. _____ destroy or wipe out completely                                  | 13. _____ natural tendency or talent; ability            |
| 4. _____ small waiting room  | 14. _____ coming or happening before                     |
| 5. _____ thought that comes too late to be used                          | 15. _____ refuge; shelter                                |
| 6. _____ part of a deck at or near the stern of a ship                   | 16. _____ emphasize; heighten the effect of              |
| 7. _____ old-fashioned; that which has grown old but is no longer valued | 17. _____ put off until a later time                     |
| 8. _____ be or happen before; precede                                    | 18. _____ glow remaining after something bright has gone |
| 9. _____ number of acres   | 19. _____ get revenge for                                |
| 10. _____ effect or result that follows later                            | 20. _____ disturb or excite very much                    |