

## Lesson A-8

### Base Words

premier	first in time or importance
primate	an archbishop or bishop who ranks highest among others; a prime minister or head of state.
prime	(n.) first in rank, excellence, quality, importance, or time; (adj.) chief; most important; (v.) to prepare something or someone for use or action.
primeval	belonging to the first ages; ancient
primordial	primeval; original; fundamental
posterior	situated behind or at the back
posterity	future generations; a person's descendants
posthumous	occurring or continuing after death, especially a work published after the author's death or a child born after the father's death

### Familiar Words

postgraduate	relating to a course of study undertaken after completing an undergraduate degree
postscript	an additional remark at the end of a letter, after the signature and introduced by "p.s."
primer	a substance used as a preparatory coat on previously unpainted surface
primitive	relating to the character of an early stage in the evolutionary or historical development of something

### Challenge Words

postlude	a concluding piece of music, especially played at the end of a religious service
postmortem	an examination of a dead body to determine the cause of death
prima donna	the chief female singer in an opera or opera company
<i>prima facie</i>	<i>based on the first impression; accepted as correct until proved otherwise</i>
primal	relating to an early stage in evolutionary development; primeval
primogeniture	the state of being the firstborn child