Q and A with Vain

Q: Can you tell us a little about yourself?
A: Sure, people tend to think of me as either snobby or worthless. If I'm used to describe a person, it's not a compliment. It means that the person is conceited and full of himself. If I'm used to describe an action, it usually means that things didn't go according to plan.

Q: Do you come from a big family?
A: Not really. I have two siblings – vainly (adv.) and vanity (noun) – but most people are familiar with me – the adjective of the family.

Q: What about your friends? With whom do you have a lot in common? To whom do you relate?

I have lots of friends – conceited, swollen-headed, and egotistical – to name a few. They are all in my clique.

I am also often spotted with my friend, the preposition “in.” When we are together (“in vain”), people think we are useless and get frustrated with us since we aren't productive.
Q: What are some of the highlights of your life?
Well, I made it big in biblical times by working my way into the Ten Commandments: “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”

It was hard to top that, but I have impressive staying power. Famous poets like Emily Dickinson discovered me (“If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain.”), and even pop songwriters (“You’re so vain you probably think this song is about you…”). (sources: Brainyquote.com, thinkexist.com, and songlyrics.com)

Q: Is there anything else we should know about you?
I don’t know. You should try me out. I’m only one syllable, I rhyme well with others (e.g., gain, pain, train, explain, disdain, etc.), and you can make good use of me when insulting others. (source: Vocabulary.com dictionary’s advanced search rhyming function)