

Vocabulary Lesson 3

dogma	a system of doctrines put forward by an authority, especially a church, to be the absolute truth
dogmatic	expressed in an authoritative or arrogant manner
heterodox	not in agreement with accepted beliefs, holding unorthodox opinions
agnostic	1) a person who believes nothing can be known about the existence of a god
agnostic (2)	2) relating to the belief that the existence of a god is unknowable
physiognomy	the art of judging human character by facial features; facial features when regarded as revealing character
prognosis	a prediction of the outcome of a disease, any forecast or prediction
criterion (plural: criteria)	a standard, rule, or test on which a decision or judgement can be made
hypocrisy	pretending to have feelings, beliefs, or virtues that one does not have
amnesty	a general pardon for offenders, especially for political offences
mnemonic	1) relating to or assisting the memory
mnemonic (2)	2) a device used in remembering
frenetic	frantic, frenzied
schizophrenia	1) a severe mental disorder in which a person becomes unable to act or reason in a rational way, often with delusions and withdrawal from relationship
schizophrenia (2)	2) a situation of extreme conflict between choices, loyalties, or ways of life

Vocabulary Lesson 3 (cont)

arraign	1) to call to court to answer questions
arraign (2)	2) to accuse, to charge with wrongdoing
rationale	the reasons underlying something, often presented as a statement
rationalize	to provide a rational basis for something, often by false or self-serving reasoning

Vocabulary Lesson 4

sapient	wise, insightful (often used ironically)
sage	a person, usually elderly, who is honored for wisdom and experience, wise or judicious
cognition	the act of perceiving or knowing
cognizant	aware, having knowledge of something
connoisseur	an expert or very discriminating person, especially in matters of art and taste
notorious	widely and unfavorably known; infamous
compute	to determine by mathematics
impute	to attribute or ascribe a quality, especially a fault, to a person
repute	to assign a reputation to
putative	supposed, reputed
presage	a sign or feeling concerning some future event; omen; foreboding
sagacious	shrewd, having good judgement, perceptive
conscientious	guided by one's sense of right and wrong
conscientious (2)	thorough, with careful attention
plebiscite	a direct vote for all the people of a country or district on an important matter, referendum
prescience	knowledge of events before they occur, foresight, foreknowledge