

Vocabulary Lesson 2: Think Before You Judge

Today's roots:	jud	judge	leg	law
	jur	oath, law	scrut	to examine

- ☐ **judicious** (adj) showing sound judgment; prudent (*jud-* judge + *-ious* full of)
 After much thought, I decided that the most **judicious** thing to do was to avoid the swamp full of alligators.
 Synonyms: *prudent, sensible, circumspect, sagacious* Antonyms: *improvident, rash*
- ☐ **adjudicate** (v) to hear and judge a case (*jud-* judge + *-ate* to do)
 Sometimes when my two children fight, I feel like I'm **adjudicating** a capital crime rather than settling a quarrel.
- ☐ **astute** (adj) shrewd; keen
 The young Sherlock Holmes was quite the **astute** investigator; he always unraveled even the toughest mysteries.
 Synonyms: *sagacious, shrewd, incisive, canny, perspicacious* Antonyms: *vacuous, vapid, obtuse*
- ☐ **scrutinize** (v) to examine carefully (*scruta* examine + *-ize* to do)
 Before buying an apple, **scrutinize** it to be sure that it has no bruises.
 Synonyms: *analyze, peruse*
- ☐ **pragmatic** (adj) concerned with practical outcomes
 The architects chose a solarium design that was less aesthetic than pragmatic: it was not beautiful, but it kept heating and lighting costs down.
- ☐ **perjure** (v) to lie under oath (*per-* through + *jur* oath)
 The mobster told blatant lies while on the stand, **perjuring** himself to keep his partners out of jail.
 Synonym: *prevaricate*
- ☐ **prudent** (adj) using good judgment (*prudencia* knowledge)
 It would not be **prudent** to sneak out of your room again tonight; your parents will ground you if they catch you!
 Synonyms: *judicious, sensible* Antonyms: *improvident, rash*
- ☐ **jurisprudence** (n) the science or philosophy of law (*jur-* law + *prudencia* knowledge)
- ☐ **jurisdiction** (n) the sphere of authority or control (*jur-* law + *dictio* declaration)
 Synonym: *domain*
- ☐ **adjure** (v) to command solemnly, as under oath (*ad-* to + *jur* oath)
 Synonyms: *enjoin, entreat, beseech*
- ☐ **adjudge** (v) to determine based upon law (*ad-* to + *jud* judge)
 Synonym: *adjudicate*
- ☐ **acumen** (n) keenness of judgment (*acus* sharp)
 Synonyms: *discernment, perspicacity, shrewdness*
- ☐ **inscrutable** (adj) beyond comprehension or examination (*in-* not + *scruta* examine)
 Synonyms: *enigmatic, recondite, abstruse*
- ☐ **allegation** (n) a formal accusation (*ad-* to + *legare* dispute)
 Synonyms: *contention, assertion, charge*