

## 9.1 The A Priori and Definitions (p. 213)

AN ADDITIONAL EXAMPLE FOR the bulleted list:

- “Volcanic prediction is getting better,” says Professor Jon Davidson, chair of Earth Science at Durham University ... “But we are never going to be able to fully predict big and unusual eruptions, precisely because they are unusual.”<sup>1</sup>

### *Other Things besides Smart*

THE AMAZING RICHNESS OF linguistic expression is illustrated by this dialogue which, on the face of it, consists only of statements that are logically equivalent, but which actually is a disagreement:

Guy 1: You know, that ain’t smart.

Guy 2: Well. Smart isn’t the only thing.

Guy 1: Yah. Those others would be things that are not smart.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Quoted in “Will Krakatoa rock the world again? Last time, it killed thousands and changed the weather for five years, now it could be even deadlier,” by Marcus Dunk, *The Daily Mail*, July 31, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Reported by a friend of mine to have been heard in a TV show called “The Collection,” Episode 6, Season 1, in the series *Justified*, based on the novels of Elmore Leonard.