Cognition
Definitions

1. The mental processes involved in acquiring knowledge.  
   [Psychology: Themes and Variations. Weiten, 1998]

2. The mental process or faculty of knowing, including aspects such as awareness, perception, reasoning, and judgement (Latin: to learn).  

3. The means whereby information is acquired, transformed, reduced, elaborated, stored, recovered, and used.  [The Encyclopedic Dictionary of Psychology, 3rd ed., 1986]

4. The use or handling of knowledge.  
   [The Oxford Companion to the Mind, 1987]

5. a) The act or process of knowing in the broadest sense; specifically, an intellectual process by which knowledge is gained about perceptions or ideas;

   b) A product of this act, process, faculty, or capacity: knowledge, perception (Latin: to know).  
   [Websters Third New International Dictionary of the English Language Unabridged, 1976]