

Vocabulary Lesson 3: Let's Talk About It

Today's roots:	<i>loqu, loqu</i> talk verb word	<i>circum</i> around e-, ex- out
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- eloquent** (adj) well spoken (*e-* out + *loqu* talk)
She is an **eloquent** spokeswoman for animal rights; she conveys her ideas with great ease and fluidity.
Synonyms: *articulate, fluent* Antonym: *inarticulate*
- loquacious** (adj) very talkative (*loqu-* talk + *-ious* full of)
That guy never stops talking; now I understand why they call him "Loquacious Larry!"
Synonyms: *garrulous, voluble* Antonyms: *laconic, taciturn, reticent*
- circumlocution** (n) evasive speech; talking around the subject (*circum-* around + *loqu* talk)
The politician had perfected the art of **circumlocution**; he knew exactly how to avoid answering direct questions.
Synonym: *evasion*
- colloquial** (adj) conversational; using everyday language (*co-* together + *loqu* talk)
I like Professor Thompson because she is so **colloquial**; yesterday she said my thesis idea was "really cool."
- grandiloquent** (adj) speaking in a pompous manner (*grand-* great + *loqu* talk + *-ent* adjective)
His speech was pompous and **grandiloquent**; it seemed he was just trying to use as many big words as possible.
Synonyms: *pontifical, portentous* *pompous = boastful, prententious, self-important*
- elocution** (n) expressive delivery of public speech (*e-* out + *loqu* talk + *-tion* noun)
James is adept at **elocution**; his expressions and mannerisms add a new level of meaning to his words.
- garrulous** (adj) talkative
Karl is always ready to talk about any subject, no matter how trivial, but at parties he is even more garrulous.
Synonyms: *loquacious, voluble*
- pontificate** (v) to speak pompously (*pontifex* high priest)
Synonyms: *declaim, sermonize, dogmatize*
- verbose** (adj) wordy (*verb-* word + *-ose* full of)
Synonyms: *prolix, discursive, digressive*
- verbatim** (adv) word for word (*verb-* word)
I followed the recipe **verbatim**.
- ineffable** (adj) unable to be expressed in words (*in-* not + *effari* utter)
Try as he might to express his love in a poem, his feelings seemed **ineffable**.
- tangential** (adj) only superficially relevant; off-topic
Synonyms: *irrelevant, incidental, immaterial*
- tout** (v) to promote or praise energetically
Synonyms: *acclaim, herald, laud*
- anecdote** (n) a short and often humorous story
Don't confuse with *antidote* (n), a remedy.
- discursive** (adj) straying from the topic (*dis-* away + *curs* course)
Synonyms: *digressive, desultory*