

ACADEMIC ORACY MARDI GRAS 2017

"I Can Talk!" from [Charlotte's Web](#)

Isn't it great, that I **articulate**
Isn't it grand, that you can understand?
I don't grunt, I don't oink, I don't even squeak or squawk
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I'm pop with **perspicacity**
I'm loaded with **loquacity**
My vocalized **veracity** is tops
Grammatically each pit of me is the verbalized **epitome**
My **plethora** of patter never stops

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Its wondrous and mystical
I'm hardly egotistical
Because of this linguistical **aplomb**

But speaking quite **pragmatically**
My self esteem **emphatically**
Dramatically improved since I was **dumb**

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Spoken: (sheep) – why don't you keep it down --- I can talk!

An exercise in antonyms:

http://www.englishforeveryone.org/PDFs/Level_11_Antonyms_1.pdf

A list of informal and formal expressions in English:

<https://2qdocg2za8g336a8w21fo83z-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Formal-Informal-Word-List.pdf>