

A WORD ROOT QUIZ

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The twenty words listed below all contain the root loqu or locu, which is derived from the Latin loci, locutus, meaning 'to speak'. Can you match the words with the definitions at the right? Answers are given in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

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| 1. elocutionist | a. informal expression |
| 2. ventriloquist | b. particular form or style of expression |
| 3. circumlocution | c. monologue |
| 4. Oblocutor | d. authoritative, sometimes solemn address |
| 5. breviloquence | e. dull, gloomy speech |
| 6. somniloquy | f. gainsayer |
| 7. colloquialism | g. someone engaged in a conversation, especially one in a minstrel show |
| 8. trisilology | h. forceful, persuasive discourse |
| 9. locution | i. terseness of speaking |
| 10. altiloquent | j. high-sounding |
| 11. prolocutor | k. one whose voice seems to come from somewhere else |
| 12. eloquence | l. an oratorical public speaker |
| 13. dentiloquy | m. act of speaking through the teeth |
| 14. grandiloquence | n. prolix |
| 15. allocution | o. prophetic |
| 16. loquacious | p. use of many words where one might have sufficed |
| 17. interlocutor | q. a presiding officer |
| 18. amphoriloquy | r. lofty, pompous language |
| 19. soliloquy | s. utterance of sounds like those produced by blowing into an empty bottle |
| 20. fatiloquent | t. act of talking in one's sleep |