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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(adjective) PRO-likes or pro-LIKS

Long-winded, tiresomely wordy, dwelling too long on minutiae.

'Of course, she'd have to cook her report sheet or whatever they call it,' she went on, becoming - for her - positively **prolix**.

Betty Rowlands, *Finishing Touch*.

The title is loaded with connotations; every mystery demands a satisfying final solution, but this is England in 1944, and the mystery centres on a mute Jewish refugee boy and his **prolix** parrot, so the modern horror of the phrase is hinted at obliquely.

Stephanie Merritt, *The Observer*, 27 February 2005, *The Observer* reviewing Michael Chabon's *The Final Solution*.

The individual pieces are themselves brief, breezy and fun to read, despite occasional eruptions of the **prolix** and slightly pompous tone that also marred Gould's later science writing.

Michael Dibdin, *The Guardian*, 14 February 2004, *Guardian* reviewing Stephen Gould's *Triumph and Tragedy in Mudville: A Lifelong Passion for Baseball*.

At the same time, Gallagher's passionate attachment to his research occasionally makes the book **prolix** and indiscriminate.

Alexander Stille, *The New York Times*, 7 February 1999, *New York Times* reviewing Tag Gallagher's *The Adventures of Robert Rossellini*.