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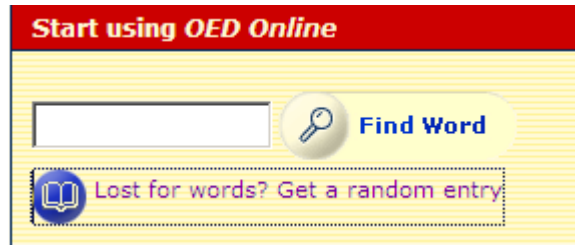
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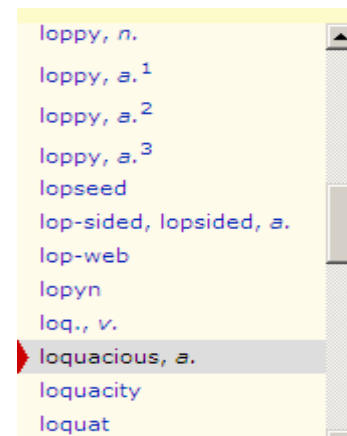
**loquacious, a.** SECOND EDITION 1989

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1. Given to much talking; talkative.

1667 MILTON *P.L.* x. 161 To whom sad Eve..Confessing soon, yet not before her Judge Bold or loquacious, thus abasht repli'd. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 296 ¶1 The chief Exercise of the Female loquacious Faculty. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XIX. 110

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