



Parrot Anecdote

A man goes to a bird shop to buy a parrot. Unfortunately, it is a low season, so presently there is only a choice of three: one magnificent ara of blue, red, and yellow colour, another slightly less beautiful green parrot, with two red spots, and a tiny simply green and almost ugly paroquet.

So the man asks the salesman: "The ara is beautiful, I would like to buy it. How much does it cost?" And the salesman responds: "Well, you can buy it, but the price is 15.000 Dollars." "15.000 Dollars for an ara that's very much", answers the man, "how can it be so expensive?" "Well", answers the salesman, "the reason is clear: Go and talk to him, and you will see that he fluently speaks English. He even knows all the classical literature. Ask him, and he will make you a full recitation of any of Shaekespeare's dramas."

This is convincing. But due to the rather high price the person further asks: " How about the green/red parrot?" "Oh", answers the salesman, "he is even more expensive. He costs 25.000 Dollars. But if you go and talk to him, and you will realize that besides English he also speaks French, Spanisch, and German, and delightfully he will present you a recitation of Goethe's 'Faust'."

Being impressed, the man says: "Well, I really don't have that much money, so please tell me how much is the tiny little green paroquet?" And the salesman answers: "Sorry, Sir, I'm afraid he is too expensive for you, because he costs 50.000 Dollars." Surprised by that, the man asks: "Well, you're right, I really cannot buy this bird, but just out of curiosity, could you tell me why he is so expensive?"

Then the salesman gets somewhat embarrassed and says: "Well, Sir, quite precisely we do not know this, but we have realized that the two other parrots call him 'professor'."