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‘An educated man is thoroughly inoculated against humbug, thinks for himself and tries to give his thoughts, in speech or on paper, some style.’ – Alan K. Simpson

## COLOURFUL QUOTES FROM THE LECTURE HALL

‘Academics, when they are away from home, are like little children: even if you give them a map and detailed directions, they’ll still walk straight into the canal.’

‘I’m going to get into politically incorrect trouble here...’

‘You adopt a word from a language and then you do things to it.’

‘If you don’t give me chocolate next week, I’ll tell on you.’

‘I’m a good swearer. I’m a linguist.’

“‘Hey baby, you don’t need me, but you sure as hell want me.’” That’s dashes for you.’

‘Whatever you do, don’t say that to a non-RP native speaker. They will become physically aggressive.’

‘I have to listen to *myself*.’

‘I’d say I’d just taught a class – or a zoo...’