

Prose Reading (Born in 2012-2013)  
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## Charlotte's Web

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“Salutations!” said the voice.

Wilbur jumped to his feet. “Salu-what?” He cried.

“Salutations!” repeated the voice.

“What are they, and where are you?” screamed Wilbur.

“Please, please, tell me where you are. And what are salutations?”

“Salutations are greetings,” said the voice.

“When I say ‘salutations,’ it’s just my fancy way of saying hello or good morning.

As for my whereabouts, that’s easy. Look up here in the corner of the doorway!  
Here I am. Look, I’m waving!”

At last Wilbur saw the creature that had spoken to him in such a kindly way.

Stretched across the upper part of the doorway was a big spiderweb, and hanging  
from the top of the web, head down, was a large grey spider.

She was about the size of a gumdrop. She had eight legs, and she was waving one  
of them at Wilbur in friendly greeting.

“See me now?” she asked.

“Oh, yes indeed,” said Wilbur. “How are you? Good morning! Salutations!  
Very pleased to meet you. What is your name, please?”

“My name,” said the spider, “is Charlotte.”