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The pun in the title-page epigraph of *Flatland* (“Fie, fie, how frantically I square my talk”) alludes to an important dimension of Edwin Abbott’s classic romance: its extraordinary language. In this talk we discuss Abbott’s idiomatic usage of various mathematical terms in constructing his extended geometric metaphor. (Received September 23, 2005)