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## GRAMMAR FOR COMMON SCHOOLS.

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### PART I.—THE SENTENCE.

1. We express our thoughts in language, by using words in such a way as to make sense.

A spoken word is a simple sound or a combination of sounds, suggesting an idea.

A written or printed word is a letter or a combination of letters, suggesting an idea.

We can form ideas of material objects; as, a *stone*, a *flower*, *water*.

We can also form ideas of things which exist as objects of thought, though they cannot be perceived by the senses; as, *anger*, *goodness*, *love*, *joy*, *virtue*, *vice*.

When we have an idea of a thing, we commonly think about it with reference to some other idea to which it is related. If we have an idea of *birds*, and an idea of *flying*, we may combine the ideas in a thought, and express it by the statement, "Birds fly."

Two or more words are required to express a thought; and a thought expressed in words is called a **sentence**.