

benefit.		injury.		increase.		abate.
advantage.		disadvantage.		enlarge.		lessen.
profit.		loss.		magnify.		diminish.
favour.		hindrance.		aggravate.		mitigate.
service.		disservice.		augment.		reduce.

EXERCISE.—*Benefits* and *injuries* are properly acts. *Advantage* and *disadvantage* are properly states of superiority and inferiority respectively. We confer *benefits*. We do *injuries*. We enjoy *advantages*. We lie under *disadvantages*. We have or gain *profit*. We suffer *loss*. *Favours* come from superiors; *services* from inferiors or from equals. *Hindrance* prevents us from acting; *disservice* acts so as to do us harm.

EXERCISE.—A storm *abates* or *increases*. Our interest in a subject *abates* or *increases*. Hope *lessens*. Projects are *enlarged*. Strength is often *diminished* in reality when it is *magnified* by report. When an offence is *aggravated* by previous misconduct, punishment is not likely to be *mitigated*. A man's income may be *reduced* or *augmented*. Friendship *magnifies* a man's merits, and *lessens* his faults.

deny.		affirm.		authentic.		fictitious.
dispute.		assert.		genuine.		spurious.
contradict.		declare.		true.		false.
oppose.		maintain.		real.		counterfeit.

EXERCISE.—We *affirm* or *deny* statements. We *assert* or *dispute* rights and claims. We *declare* intentions and convictions. We *contradict* what we do not believe. We *maintain* a cause, and we *oppose* an enemy. Men are prone both to *affirm* and to *deny* without sufficient knowledge. He *asserted* his rights with calmness, and *maintained* them with courage. His claim was *disputed* by his cousin, who *opposed* him with all his might. Witnesses, in giving evidence, often *contradict* one another. sometimes even themselves.

EXERCISE.—An *authentic* history, is one whose statements may be accepted as facts. A *genuine* work, is one which is really the production of the author whose name it bears. A work which is not *genuine* as to its authorship, is *spurious*; a work which is not *authentic* as to its facts, is unreliable or *fictitious*. A *true* or a *false* statement. A *true* friend. A *false* impression. *Real* diamonds. *Counterfeit* gems.

common.		rare.
ordinary.		remarkable.
vulgar.		polite.
mean.		noble.

neglect.		attention.
omission.		observance.
disregard.		regard.
contempt.		esteem.

EXERCISE.—*Common* things are cheap; *rare* things are dear. A man of *common* education. A man of *rare* ability. An *ordinary* occurrence. A *remarkable* genius. A *remarkable* result. The manners of an uneducated man are *vulgar*; those of one who has mixed in good society are *polite*. A *mean* action. A *mean* spirit. A *mean* advantage. A *mean* trick. A *mean* fellow. A *noble* action. *Noble* conduct. A *noble* institution.

EXERCISE.—*Neglect* of duty is a serious fault, deserving punishment; *neglect* of parents or friends dependent on us is culpable in the highest degree. An *omission* may be the result of accident, and is a less serious offence. *Attention* implies more effort of will than simple *observance*. Culpable *neglect*. A slight *omission*. Close *attention* to duty. Regular *observance* of the laws. We have *regard* for friends; we *disregard* advice. We *esteem* honour, and feel *contempt* for meanness. *Regard* for the truth. *Sabbath observance*. *Contempt* of court.—From Nelson's Royal Reader.