

**3. Position of 's.**—(1) When a short explanatory term is joined to a name, the sign of the possessive may be annexed to either; as, I called at Smith's the bookseller, or, at Smith the bookseller's. But if, to such a phrase, the substantive which it limits is added, the sign of the possessive must be annexed to the last; as, I called at Smith the bookseller's shop.

(2) In **compound** terms the last only has the mark; as, The Queen of England's crown.

### THE OBJECTIVE.

**RULE VII.**—The Objective case follows an active transitive verb or a preposition; as, He struck the *table* with his *hand*.

**1. Meaning of ' follows '.**—This word refers rather to the order of the sense and construction, than to the placing of the words. Sometimes the position of the objective is **before** the verb or preposition; as, *Him*, the Almighty hurled headlong. The green hills *among*.

**2. How Known.**—As nouns shew no difference in inflection for the nominative and the objective, this case is marked by position and meaning.

**3. Intransitive Verbs.**—This kind of verb is not followed by an objective case, except

(1) When the noun agrees in meaning with the verb; as, He *lived* a wretched *life*, and *died* a miserable *death*.

(2) When used in a causative sense; as, *Walk* the horse to the pond.

**4. Omitted Objective.**—Sometimes the objective of the relative pronoun is omitted: as, The person (whom) I wanted to see, has left.

**5. Objective of Time, &c.**—(1) Nouns denoting **TIME, VALUE, WEIGHT, or MEASURE**, are commonly put in the objective case, without a governing word,—after intransitive verbs, and adjectives; as, He was absent six *months* last *year*. Cowards die many *times* before their death. A child two *years* old. It cost a *shilling*. It is not worth a *cent*. It weighs a *pound*. The wall is six *feet* high, and two *feet* thick.

(2) This may be called the objective of time, value, weight, &c., as the case may be.

**6. After Adjectives.**—The objective is found after the adjectives **near, next, nigh, like, worth**.