

6. It is not very difficult for a pupil to learn to speak and to write correctly and clearly. And if you will faithfully work out the exercises here given, you will be able to express yourselves correctly, both with the tongue and with the pen.

7. The study that teaches us to use the English language correctly in speaking and in writing is called English grammar.

II. THE SENTENCE.

The teacher will dictate, and the pupils will write on slates or on paper. the following story :

Two young bears left their native woods. They came to a bee-hive well stored with honey. At this discovery the bears were greatly delighted. They hastily overturned the hive. They began to eat voraciously. The bees, however, were not to be deprived of the fruits of their labour with impunity. They flew about the bears. They stung them severely in the ears and eyes. The bears tried in vain to repel the attacks of their nimble foes. They were at last forced to retreat, maddened with pain and blinded by rage. But after a while their sufferings subsided. They had leisure to reflect upon their conduct, and resolved to profit by their sad experience. Pleasure is often bought with pain.

1. In the story that you have copied there are two things to be noticed—

I. The piece is marked off into separate statements by a punctuation-mark called the *period*, or full stop.

II. The first word of each statement begins with a *capital letter*.

2. DIRECTION.—Begin every statement with a capital letter, and end it with a period.

Change papers, and see if this has been correctly done.