

# PRACTICAL GRAMMAR.

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## SENTENCES.

A **Sentence** is a combination of words making a complete statement.

A Sentence may consist of few or of many words, but in either case it must express a complete thought; as,

1. James wrote a letter.
2. Tell Thomas that Henry and I were with his brother last evening.
3. During the whole speech of the ghost, he sat with his eyes fixed partly on the ghost, and partly on Hamlet, and with his mouth open.

An **Interrogation Point** (?) is used at the end of every sentence which constitutes a direct question.

EXAMPLES.—Where is Thomas? How old are you? When did you come? Which one did you take? What mean'st thou by that?

A **Period** (.) is used at the end of every complete sentence which does not require an interrogation point.

Periods are also used after

1. Initial letters; as, C. E. Brown.
2. The address of a letter; as, Mr. B. Hood, Toronto, Ontario.
3. The signature of a letter; as, James Gray.
4. Every abbreviated word; as, Acct., B. A., Chas., etc.

NOTE.—The **Exclamation Point** (!) is used after exclamatory words or phrases, and sentences expressing a wish, wonder, strong emotion, or passion; as, Would that I had perished! Oh, how I suffer! Click, click, click! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida!