

By the building on to a root or stem word of affixes and prefixes, it is curious how the meaning of a word may be extended. Thus mudwásuggeshin, "it is heard falling on the floor"; mudwa means "sound," sug means "a board or floor," and shin implies "falling."

On the whole there need be no very great difficulty in acquiring a knowledge of the Ojebway language. The pronunciation is comparatively easy; the words are set in the plainest manner possible, and though indeed many of them are exceedingly long, yet may they all be correctly pronounced, after a little practice, by observing the accented syllables. The main difficulty, it will be found, lies in the inflection of the verb and in the inseparable particles.

The only two orthographical signs used in this work are the acute accent (´), and the double dot, or *diæresis*, the latter making a distinct syllable of each vowel over which it is placed.