

## PARSING.

175. Parsing treats of the nature of words, their form, the part they perform in the sentence.

*Example.*

Les Gaulois habitaient autrefois l'Asie avant de venir dans notre pays ; ils étaient grands, forts ; leur courage égalait leur force.

*Les*.....article, masculine, plural, limits *Gaulois* with which it agrees in gender and number.

*Gaulois*.....noun, proper, masculine, plural, subject of *habitaient*.

*habitaient*...verb, transitive, 1st conjugation, indicative mood, imperfect tense, 3rd person plural, agrees with *Gaulois*.

*autrefois*...adverb of time, modifies *habitaient*.

*l'*.....article, elided, standing for *la*, feminine, singular, limits *Asie*.

*Asie*.....noun, proper, feminine, singular, direct object of *habitaient*.

*avant de*....prepositional locution.

*venir*.....verb, intransitive, 2nd conjugation, infinitive mood, present, depends on *avant de*.

*dans*.....preposition.

*notre*.....adjective, possessive, masculine, singular, determines *pays*.

*Ils*.....pronoun, personal, 3rd person, masculine, plural, subject of *étaient*.

*étaient*.....verb; substantive, (*être*) 4th conjugation, indicative mood, imperfect tense, 3rd person plural.

*grands*.....adjective, qualificative, masculine, plural, qualifies *ils* standing for *Gaulois*.

*forts*.....adjective, qualificative, masculine, plural, qualifies *ils* standing for *Gaulois*.

*leur*.....adjective, possessive, masculine, singular, determines *courage*.

*courage*.....noun, common, masculine, singular, subject of *égalait*.

*égalait*....verb, transitive, (*égaler*) 1st conjugation, indicative mood, imperfect tense, 3rd person singular.

*leur*.....adjective, possessive, feminine, singular, determines *force*.

*force*.....noun, common, feminine, singular, direct object of *égalait*.