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# LANGUAGE LESSONS.

## I. INTRODUCTORY.

This Lesson is not to be committed to memory, but to be read aloud in the class

1. We have learned to speak the English language so as to understand what others say to us, and to make others understand what we say to them.

2. We can not only speak our language, but we have made some progress in writing it. We may have written letters and short compositions.

3. But our letters and compositions are not perfect. We make mistakes in spelling and in using capitals; we often employ the wrong word, or we do not put the right words together in the *right way*.

4. The most useful knowledge that we can acquire in school is the knowledge, in the first place, of how to express in *correct English* what we have to say; then how to say it so that others may *understand exactly* our meaning; then how to say it so as to give *pleasure by the form* in which we express our thoughts.

5. There are persons whose business it is to write; and these address a public audience, through books, magazines, and newspapers. Now, it may not be our *business* to write; yet we shall all have occasion to handle the pen, even if we only write letters to our friends.