

LESSON IV.

THE LION.

ad-van-ces	re-sem-bles	hab-i-ta-tions
tawn-y	thun-der	ti-mid-i-ty
ma-jes-tic	com-pell-ed	di-min-ish-es
ir-ri-ta-tion	ex-treme	ac-quaint-ed
pe-cu-liar	de-ters	for-ti-tude
lus-tre	re-course	neigh-bour-hood
for-mi-da-ble	ar-ti-fice	dis-po-si-tion
ap-pear-ance	pro-di-gi-ous	ed-u-ca-tion
as-pect	am-bush	chas-tise
ter-ri-fic	op-por-tu-ni-ty	dan-ge-rous
gran-deur	cour-age	pro-voke
des-cribe	ap-proach-es	se-cu-ri-ty

The length of the largest lion is between eight and nine feet; his tail is about four, and his height is about four feet and a half. He has a long and thick mane, which grows longer and thicker as he advances in years. The hair of the rest of his body is short and smooth, of a tawny colour, but whitish on the belly. The female is about one-fourth part less than the male, and without the mane. The form of the lion is strikingly bold and majestic. His large and shaggy mane, which he can erect at pleasure; his huge eye-brows; his round and fiery eye-balls, which, upon the least irritation, seem to glow with peculiar lustre; together with the formidable appearance of his teeth; give him an aspect of terrific grandeur, which it is difficult, if not impossible to describe. His roaring is loud and dread-