

8. Interjections.—Certain words may stand alone to express surprise, disgust, etc. :—

Oh! is John here! *Ah!* I wish he had come before. These are called interjections.

The written or printed sign of an interjection or exclamation is!

Exercise 4.

Name the *kinds of words* in the following, thus :

Many|girls|and|boys|ran|quickly|through|the|open|gate.
Adj.|Noun|Con|Noun|Verb|Adv.|Prep.|Adj.|Adj.|Noun.

1. A horse and a dog make good companions.
2. They cheer the weary traveller on a long journey.
3. Oh ! do you see the poor starving beggar ?
4. Give him a crust of bread from the pantry.
5. The sheep soon reached the river, but refused to cross.
6. She is far from the land where her young hero sleeps,
And lovers around her are sighing ;
But coldly she turns from their gaze, and weeps,
For her heart in his grave is lying.—THOMAS MOORE.

VII. NOUNS.

NOTE TO TEACHERS.—The kind and the quantity of drill in nouns required for young scholars will depend on their previous training. If no oral training has been given, the teacher should make the pupils name the nouns in their reading lessons.

1. DEFINITIONS.—A noun is a word used as the name of anything that we speak about.

EXAMPLES.—*Man, boy, servant, Charles.*

Explanation.—These are names of *persons*.

All names of persons are *nouns*.

EXAMPLES.—*Dog, horse, cow, cat, antelope.*

Explanation.—These are names of *animals*.

All names of animals are *nouns*.