

## CHAPTER II.

## ETYMOLOGY.

## PARTS OF SPEECH.

§ II. WORDS ARE ARRANGED IN DIFFERENT CLASSES, ACCORDING TO THEIR USE IN A SENTENCE.

1. Words used as *names* are called **Nouns**; as, *John* saw a *snake* in the *garden*.

2. Words used *for Nouns* are called **Pronouns**; as, *I* told *John* the snake would not hurt *him* or *me*, if *he* left *it* alone, to go *its* own way.

3. Words used *with Nouns* to distinguish or describe the thing named are called **Adjectives**; as, *The* humble-bees are known by their *large* size and *hairy* bodies, often of a *black* colour with *orange* bands.

Adjectives serve to modify the meaning of the noun to which they relate. They may easily be found out by asking, "Of *what sort*?" "How *many*?" "Which?"

4. Words used for stating what anything *does* or *is done to*, are called **Verbs**; as, One day *John* *saw* a rat *come* out of a hole; he found it *was hurt* and *could not run* fast.

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