

*A short Explanation of some of the Terms used  
in the Grammar.*

- Abbreviation*, shortening.  
*Affirmative*, yes, asserting.  
*Ambiguity*, double meaning.  
*Annexed*, joined to.  
*Antecedent*, the word going before.  
*Auxiliary*, helping.  
*Cardinal*,\* principal, or fundamental.  
*Comparative*, a higher or lower degree of a quality.  
*Comparison*, a comparing of qualities.  
*Conjugate*, to give all the principal parts of a verb.  
*Contingency*, what may or may not happen; casualty, accident.  
*Copulative*, joining.  
*Defective*, wanting some of its parts.  
*Demonstrative*, pointing out.  
*Disjunctive*, disjoining.  
*Distributive*, dividing into portions.  
*Ellipsis*, a leaving out of something.  
*Euphony*, an agreeable sound.  
*Future*, } time to come.  
*Futurity*, }  
*Governs*, rules or acts upon.
- Negative*, no, denying.  
*Nominative*, naming.  
*Objective*, applied to the case which follows an active verb or a preposition.  
*Obsolete*, gone out of use.  
*Obsolescent*, growing out of use.  
*Omit*, to leave out, not to do.  
*Ordinal*,† numbered in their order.  
*Paradigm*, example.  
*Participle*, partaking of other parts.  
*Past*, the time past.  
*Perfect*, completed, finished, past.  
*Personal*, belonging to persons.  
*Pluperfect*, more than perfect, quite finished some time ago.  
*Plurality*, more than one.  
*Possessive*, possessing, belonging to.  
*Positive*, the quality without excess.  
*Preceding*, going before.  
*Prefixing*, placing before.  
*Present*, the time that now is.  
*Promiscuous*, mixed.

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