

Example of 6 particulars.—'The chief towns in the United States of America, are New-York', Philadelphia', Baltimore', —Boston', Charleston', and New-Orleans'.

Example of 7 particulars.—'The Americans export from the fertile shores of their leagued domain, to foreign climes, a variety of lumber',—fish', beef', pork',—butter', cheese', and flour'.

Example of 8 particulars.—'The soul can exert itself in many different ways; she can understand', will',—imagine', see', hear',—feel', love', and frown'.

Example of 9 particulars.—'The fruits of the spirit are love', joy', peace',—long-suffering', gentleness', goodness',—faith', meekness', temperance',—against these there is no law'.

Example of 10 particulars.—'Mr. Locke's definition of wit comprehends every species of it:—as metaphors',—enigmas', mottoes', and parables',—fables', dreams',—visions',—the drama', burlesque', and allusion'.

COMPOUND SERIES.

Definition.—'The compound series consists of two or more successive particulars, composed of two words or members of a sentence, which, though not perfectly similar, are sufficiently so to admit of classification.

Rule 1.—All the compound members which form the commencing series, take the ' inflection, except the last, which takes the ' reflection.

Example.—'The whole system of the intellectual powers', the chaos and the creation', and all the furniture of three worlds', enter into the subject of Milton's Paradise Lost'.

Rule 2.—When the compound members form the concluding series, they all adopt the ' inflection, except the penultimate member, which takes the ' reflection.

Example.—Notwithstanding all the pains which Cicero took in the education of his son, he nevertheless remained a mere blockhead. Nature rendered him incapable of improving by all the rules of eloquence', the precepts of philosophy', his father's endeavours', and the most refined society of Athens'.

EXCEPTION.

The only exception to the above rule is, when the sentence commences with a conditional or suppositive phrase; for in that case the members take the ' inflection.

Examples.—Whatever contributes to promote the principles of virtue, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood', whatever tends to calm the ruffled feelings, and regulate the passions', is undoubtedly a source of happiness'.