

A primitive word is that which cannot be reduced to any simpler word in the language ; as, *man, good, content.*

A derivative word is that which may be reduced to another word in *English* of greater simplicity ; as, *manful, goodness, contentment, Yorkshire.*

ETYMOLOGY.

The second part of Grammar is Etymology ; which treats of the different sorts of words, their various modifications, and their derivations.

There are in English nine sorts of words, or as they are commonly called PARTS OF SPEECH ; namely, the ARTICLE, the SUBSTANTIVE OR NOUN ; the ADJECTIVE, the PRONOUN, the VERB, the ADVERB, the PREPOSITION, the CONJUNCTION, and the INTERJECTION.

1. An Article is a word prefixed to Substantives, to point them out, and to show how far their signification extends ; as, *a garden, an eagle, the woman.*

2. A Substantive or Noun is the name of any thing that exists, or of which we have any notion ; as, *London, man, virtue.*

A substantive may, in general, be distinguished by its taking an article before it, or by making sense of itself ; as, *a book, the sun, an apple ; temperance, industry, chastity.*

3. An Adjective is a word added to a Substantive, to express its quality : as, *an industrious man, a virtuous woman.*