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come a part of them. Prepositions, standing by themselves in Construction, are put before Nouns and Pronouns; and sometimes after Verbs; but in this sort of Composition they are chiefly prefixed to Verbs: as, *to outgo*, *to overcome*, *to undervalue*. There are also certain Particles, which are thus employed in Composition of words, yet cannot stand by themselves in Construction: as, *a*, *be*, *con*, *mis*, &c; in *abide*, *bedeck*, *conjoin*, *mistake*, &c; these are called Inseparable Prepositions.

CONJUNCTION.

THE CONJUNCTION connects or *joins together* Sentences; so as, out of two, to make one Sentence.

Thus, "You, *and* I, *and* Peter, rode to London," is one Sentence, made up of these three by the Conjunction *and* twice employed; "You rode to London; I rode to London; Peter rode to London." Again, "You *and* I rode to London, *but* Peter staid at home," is one Sentence made up of three by the Conjunctions *and*

and *but* : both of which equally connect the Sentences , but the latter expresses an Opposition in the Sense. The first is therefore called a Conjunction Copulative ; the other a Conjunction Disjunctive.

The use of Copulative Conjunctions is to connect , or to continue , the Sentence , by expressing an addition , *and* ; a supposition , or condition , *if* , *as* ; a cause , *because* (1) , *then* ; a motive , *that* ; an inference , *therefore* ; &c.

The use of Disjunctives is to connect and to continue the Sentence ; but withal to express Opposition of meaning in different degrees : as , *or* , *but* , *than* , *although* , *unless* , &c.

(1) The Conjunction *because* , used to express the motive , or end , is either improper or obsolete : as , The multitude rebuked them , *because* they should hold their peace. » Matt. xx. 31. « It is the case of some , to contrive false periods of business , *because* they may seem men of dispatch. » Bacon , Essay xxv. We should now make use of *that*.