

# The Mother Tongue

Student Workbook 1

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This book contains answers to the exercises from *The Mother Tongue: Adapted for Modern Students* which are also contained in the *The Mother Tongue Student Workbook 1*.

Nearly all of the exercises in *The Mother Tongue* are taken from great English writers of centuries past. Where possible, we have supplied the source for many of the sentences and passages used for practice exercises in *The Mother Tongue Book II*. In some instances, Kittredge and Arnold adapted quotations slightly, so they are not always exactly quoted from the original.

We have endeavored to record accurate answers to all of the grammar exercises in *The Mother Tongue Student Workbook 1*, however our efforts are constrained by our humanness. As Pope wrote, "To err is human; to forgive, divine." We beg your forgiveness for any errors you discover. You may contact us and let us know at [blueskydaisies.wordpress.com](http://blueskydaisies.wordpress.com).

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## Chapter 1: General Principles

There are no written exercises given for chapter 1.

## Chapter 2: The Parts of Speech

There are no written exercises given for chapter 2.

## Chapter 3: Nouns

Students were instructed to underline the nouns and label the word C for common or P for proper.

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|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. <u>Drake</u> <b>P</b>            | 2. <u>village</u> <b>C</b>                                     | 3. <u>inhabitant</u> <b>C</b>  |
| <u>ship</u> <b>C</b>                | <u>houses</u> <b>C</b>   | <u>Truro</u> <b>P</b>  |
| <u>men</u> <b>C</b>                 | <u>truth</u> <b>C</b>  | <u>fortnight</u> <b>C</b>  |
| <u>Straits of Magellan</u> <b>P</b> | <u>years</u> <b>C</b>  | <u>St. John</u> <b>P</b>   |
| <u>Englishman</u> <b>P</b>          | <u>country</u> <b>C</b>  | <u>Cohasset</u> <b>P</b>   |
| <u>coast</u> <b>C</b>               | <u>province</u> <b>C</b>                                       | <u>bodies</u> <b>C</b>   |
| <u>Chili</u> <b>P</b>               | <u>Great Britain</u> <b>P</b>                                  | <u>shore</u> <b>C</b>  |
| <u>Peru</u> <b>P</b>                | <u>fellow</u> <b>C</b>   | <u>Clay Pounds</u> <b>P</b>  |
| <u>bark</u> <b>C</b>                | <u>name</u> <b>C</b>   | ( <i>Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862),<br/>"The Highland Light"</i> ) |
| <u>gold-dust</u> <b>C</b>           | <u>Rip Van Winkle</u> <b>P</b>                                 |  |
| <u>silver-ingots</u> <b>C</b>       | <u>descendant</u> <b>C</b>                                     | 4. <u>Oliver Goldsmith</u> <b>P</b>                                  |
| <u>Potosi</u> <b>P</b>              | <u>Van Winkles</u> <b>P</b>                                    | <u>tenth</u> <b>C</b>  |
| <u>pearls</u> <b>C</b>              | <u>days</u> <b>C</b>   | <u>November</u> <b>P</b>   |
| <u>emeralds</u> <b>C</b>            | <u>Peter Stuyvesant</u> <b>P</b>                               | <u>hamlet</u> <b>C</b>   |
| <u>diamonds</u> <b>C</b>            | <u>siege</u> <b>C</b>  | <u>Pallas</u> <b>P</b>   |
| <u>cargo</u> <b>C</b>               | <u>Fort Christina</u> <b>P</b>                                 | <u>Pallasmore</u> <b>P</b>   |
| <u>galleon</u> <b>C</b>             | ( <i>Washington Irving (1783-1859),<br/>"Rip Van Winkle"</i> ) | <u>county</u> <b>C</b>   |
| <u>year</u> <b>C</b>                |  | <u>Longford</u> <b>P</b>   |
| <u>Lima</u> <b>P</b>                |  | <u>Ireland</u> <b>P</b>  |
| <u>Cadiz</u> <b>P</b>               |  | ( <i>Washington Irving (1783-1859),<br/>Oliver Goldsmith</i> )       |

(*John Richard Green (1837-1883),*

History of the English People)

## Chapter 4: Special Classes of Nouns

### I.

The abstract and collective nouns are given and labeled.

1. number **C** people **C** (*Maria Edgeworth (1768-1849), The Patronage*)
2. band **C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Titus Andronicus*)
3. party **C** (*Jane Austen (1775-1817), Sense and Sensibility*)
4. reason **A** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), King Richard II*)
5. People **C** imagination **A** (*Daniel Defoe (1660-1731), A Journal of the Plague Year*)

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6. **Senate C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Coriolanus*)
7. **reverence A place A** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), King Henry IV*)
8. **place A company C knowledge A** (*Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield (1694-1773), "Lord Chesterfield's Letters"*)
9. **troop C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Othello*)
10. **courage A** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Henry V*)
11. **family C repast A** (*Oliver Goldsmith (1730-1774), The Vicar of Wakefield*)
12. **society C place A** (*William Cowper (1731-1800), "Letters"*)
13. **scorn A** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Othello*)
14. **Senate C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Julius Caesar*)
15. **enemy A people C country C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Coriolanus*)
16. **Society C happiness A**
17. **army C multitude C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), King Henry IV*)
18. **knowledge A wisdom A**
19. **country C hate A** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), King Henry IV*)
20. **Parliament C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), King Henry IV*)
21. **number C** (*William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Antony and Cleopatra*)

### II.

Answers will vary. Suggestions are given.

men	<i>company</i>
birds	<i>flock</i>
cows	<i>herd</i>
thieves	<i>band, gang</i>
marbles	<i>bag, collection</i>
school children	<i>class</i>
sailors	<i>crew</i>
soldiers	<i>battalion</i>
football players	<i>team</i>

musicians	<i>ensemble, band, orchestra</i>
robbers	<i>band, gang</i>
pirates	<i>band, gang, crew</i>
books	<i>library, stack</i>
postage stamps	<i>book, collection</i>
senators	<i>Senate</i>
Members of Congress	<i>Congress</i>
partners in business	<i>partnership</i>

### III.

true	<i>truth</i>	insane	<i>insanity</i>
false	<i>falsehood</i>	passionate	<i>passion</i>
good	<i>goodness</i>	natural	<i>nature</i>
bad	<i>badness</i>	hasty	<i>haste</i>
lazy	<i>laziness</i>	valiant	<i>valor</i>
careless	<i>carelessness</i>	angry	<i>anger</i>
free	<i>freedom</i>	grieving	<i>grief</i>
brave	<i>bravery</i>	sorry	<i>sorrow</i>
sinful	<i>sinfulness</i>	holy	<i>holiness</i>
cautious	<i>caution</i>	evil	<i>evilness</i>
just	<i>justice</i>	unjust	<i>injustice</i>
beautiful	<i>beauty</i>	accurate	<i>accuracy</i>
amiable	<i>amity</i>	simple	<i>simplicity</i>

## Chapter 5: Pronouns

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**I.**

Nouns and pronouns are underlined and labeled in the parentheses following. The pronoun's antecedent is given. The student should draw an arrow to that word.

1. **Goneril**, (N) the elder, declared that she (P, Goneril) loved her (P, Goneril) father (N) more than words (N) could give out, that he (P, father) was dearer to her (P, Goneril) than the light (N) of her (P, Goneril) own eyes (N). (*Adapted from Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare, "King Lear"*)
2. **Bassanio** (N) took the ring (N) and vowed never to part with it. (P, ring)  
(*Adapted from Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare, "Merchant of Venice"*)
3. The floor (N) of the cave (N) was dry and level, and had a sort of small loose gravel (N) upon it. (P, floor)  
(*Daniel Defoe (1660-1731), Robinson Crusoe*)
4. Having now brought all my things (N) on shore,(N) and secured them,(P, things) I (P) went back to my boat, (N) and rowed, or paddled her (P, boat) along the shore, (N) to her (P, boat) old harbor, (N) where I (P) laid her (P, boat) up. (*Daniel Defoe (1660-1731), Robinson Crusoe*)
5. **Heaven** (N) lies about us (P) in our (P, us) infancy. (N) (*William Wordsworth (1770-1850), "Ode"*)
6. Blessed is he (P) who has found his (P) work. (N) (*Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), "The Modern Worker"*)
7. In fact, Tom (N) declared it (P) was of no use to work on his (P, Tom) farm (N); it (P, farm) was the most pestilent little piece (N) of ground (N) in the whole country (N); everything about it (P, farm) went wrong, and would go wrong, in spite of him. (P, Tom) (*Washington Irving (1783-1859), "Rip Van Winkle"*)
8. When Portia (N) parted with her (P, Portia) husband (N), she (P, Portia) spoke cheerfully to him (P, husband), and bade him (P, husband) bring his (P, husband) dear friend (N) along with him (P, husband) when he (P, husband) returned. (*Adapted from Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare, "Merchant of Venice"*)

**II.**

Answers will vary, but students should provide an appropriate pronoun in the blank.

1. A thought struck him , and he wrote a letter to one of his friends.
2. The flowers were bending their heads, as if they were dreaming of the rainbow and dew. (*George Prentice (1802-1870), "The Tempest"*)
3. We make way for the man who boldly pushes past us. (*Christian Bovee (1820-1904)*)
4. "That's a brave man," said Wellington, when he saw a soldier turn pale as he marched against a battery: " He knows his danger, and faces it ." (*Orison Swett Marden (1850-1924), Pushing to the Front*)
5. I know not what course others may take; but, as for me , give me liberty, or give me death. (*Patrick Henry (1736-1799)*)
6. There, in his noisy mansion, skilled to rule,  
The village master taught his little school.  
(*Oliver Goldsmith (1730-1774), "The Village Schoolmaster"*)
7. Wordsworth helps us to live our best and highest life; he is a strengthening and purifying influence like our own mountains. (*Lucy Helen Muriel Soulsby (1856-1927), Stray Thoughts on Reading*)