

a repetition or recollection of a certain sound in the speech of others.

Another important remark is that Experiences may lose or acquire Reality through some process or other; their existence, being primarily only a Sensation or Idea in our individual mind, may acquire or lose Reality, that is, outer existence, in various ways. This we will not investigate further at the moment, but will only give a few examples.

We may in the dead of the night hear a noise which wakens us and which we are apt to take for the explosion of a bomb; it therefore figures in our mind as a real occurrence, but on inquiry amongst our friends and neighbours we find that nothing has happened, and that no other person has heard the sound. We then conclude that we have merely dreamt it; the event from being a real event in the outer world falls back into our inner world as a merely personal experience. It loses Reality but not Existence.

Another instance is that of the so-called *mouches volantes*. These are things which pass before our eyes and which we take for real flies or flying midges till we, in some way or other, find out that they are purely subjective personal experiences in our sight-organs. They thus cease to be called real or objective and become purely subjective. They lose Reality.

It may here be argued that they are not quite the same as an imagination, illusion, or delusion, as something real has happened which we could locate in space. This indicates the varying forms of things we call real.

An illustration of a Thought or Idea which exists for one mind only, but acquires Reality, being transferred