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Nouns of Two Syllables, Explained, D to L

Words of two syllables, explained, from Daniel Fenning, The Universal Spelling-Book (London, 1798),

Part III, Table I: his old words kept, in today's spelling; their syllables on the right.

Each word is given once with its meaning as a model: copy it on the line below.

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Part III, Table I. Nouns Substantive of two Syllables, accented and explained, D to L.

dagger ➞ *a short sword* dag-ger

Dagon ➞ *the*
Philistines' god Da-gon

damask ➞ *flowered silk* da-mask

dandruff ➞ *scurf* dan-druff

danger ➞ *hazard* dan-ger

darnel  a weed so called **dar-nel**

dastard  a coward **das-tard**

deacon  a minister **dea-con**

debate  a dispute **de-bate**

debtor  one that owes **deb-tor**

money

deceit ➞ *a cheat* de-ceit

decree ➞ *an order* de-cree

default ➞ *want, omission* de-fault

defect ➞ *blemish* de-fect

defence ➞ *resistance* de-fence

degree ➞ *advancement* de-gree

deism ➞ *denying of*
revealed religion de-ism

delight ➞ *joy* de-light

deluge ➞ *a flood* de-luge

descent ➞ *a going down* de-scent

design ➞ *an invention* de-sign

despite ➞ *envy*

de-spite

detail ➞ *the particulars*

de-tail

diet ➞ *food, also an
assembly*

di-et

disgust ➞ *a distaste, or
dislike*

dis-gust

dollar ➞ *a foreign coin* dol-lar

dalour ➞ *grief, pain* do-lour

dolphin ➞ *a fish so called* dol-phin

dotage ➞ *doting* do-tage

dozen ➞ *twelve* do-zen

draper  *one that sells* dra-per

cloth

dropsy  *a waterish* drop-sy

humour

drudger  *a mean* drud-ger

labourer

drugget ➡ *woollen stuff* drug-get

druggist ➡ *one that deals
in drugs* drug-gist

duel ➡ *a fight between
two persons* du-el

eagle ➡ *a bird so called* ea-gle

*ease*ment  *a refreshing* ease-ment

echo  *resounding of a* e-cho
voice

eclipse  *a defect of light* e-clipse

edict  *a proclamation* e-dict

effects  *goods* ef-fects

egress ➡ *a going forth* e-gress

engine ➡ *an instrument* en-gine

envoy ➡ *a messenger* en-voy

envy ➡ *spite* en-vy

errand ➡ *a message* er-rand

essence ➡ *substance, being* es-sence

event ➞ *issue, success* e-vent

exile ➞ *banishment* ex-ile

exit ➞ *departure* ex-it

expanse ➞ *the* ex-panse
firmament

expense ➞ *cost, charge* ex-pense

exploit ➡ *a manly action* **ex-ploit**

extent ➡ *compass* **ex-tent**

fabric ➡ *a building* **fa-bric**

farthing ➡ *a piece of* **far-thing**
money

fathom ➞ *a measure of* **fa-thom**
6 feet

fatigue ➞ *weariness* **fa-tigue**

figure ➞ *shape* **fi-gure**

flavour ➞ *relish* **fla-vour**

Fleming ➞ *native of*
Flanders **Flem-ing**

flexure ➞ *a bending* **flex-ure**

florist ➞ *one skilled in*
flowers **flo-rist**

fluid  *a thin flowing*
body

flu-id

forest  *a large woody*
place

fo-rest

forgery  *a counterfeit*

for-ger

fortress  *a fortified*
place

for-tress

fountain  *the source or*
head

foun-tain

fracture  *the breaking*
of a bone

frac-ture

fragment ➤ a broken *frag-ment*

piece

frenzy ➤ madness *fren-zy*

Friday ➤ the sixth day *Fri-day*

frigate ➤ a small ship *fri-gate*

frolic ➤ a merry prank *fro-lic*

furnace  *an enclosed*

fur-nace

fireplace

furrow  *a trench*

fur-row

gauging  *measuring*

gaug-ing

casks

gallon  *four quarts*

gal-lon

gamut ➞ *scale of music* ga-mut

gangrene ➞ *a*
mortification gan-grene

garment ➞ *a coat* gar-ment

garret ➞ *the uppermost*
room gar-ret

gazette ➞ *a newspaper* ga-zette

gherkins ➞ *pickled* gher-kins

cucumbers

giant ➞ *a very large* gi-ant

person

gibbet ➞ *a gallows* gib-bet

glutton  *a greedy*

glut-ton

eater

gospel  *the New*
Testament

gos-pel

gossip  *a tattling*

gos-sip

woman

grammar ➞ *a book* **gram-mar**

teaching to speak correctly

grandeur ➞ *greatness,* **gran-deur**

power

grimace ➞ *hypocrisy* **gri-mace**

gristle ➞ *a bony*

gris-tle

substance

grudging ➞ *sparing*

grudg-ing

guidance ➞ *guiding,*
leading

gui-dance

guilder  *a coin value*

guil-der

Is.

gutter  *a sink or drain*

gut-ter

habit  *custom, clothing*

ha-bit

harangue  *a public*
speech

ha-rangue

harbour  *lodging, or a* har-bour
place for ships to ride at
anchor in

harness  *horse attire* har-ness

harvest  *reaping time* har-vest

hatchet  *a small axe* hat-chet

havoc ➞ *destruction* hav-oc

heathen ➞ *an idolater* hea-then

heifer ➞ *a young cow* hei-fer

helmet ➞ *an headpiece* hel-met

hemlock ➞ *a poisonous*
plant hem-lock

herald ➞ *an officer* he-rald

herbal ➞ *a book of*
plants her-bal

hermit ➞ *a solitary*
person her-mit

heron ➞ *a water fowl* he-ron

hireling ➞ *one who takes* hire-ling

wages

homage ➞ *submission* ho-mage

honour ➞ *respect* ho-nour

horror ➞ *dread* hor-ror

humour ➞ *fancy* hu-mour

hunger ☞ *want of food* hun-ger

hyssop ☞ *an herb* hys-sop

jargon ☞ *gibberish or* jar-gon
jangling

image ☞ *a picture or* i-mage
statue

import ➡ meaning im-port

impost ➡ tax im-post

impulse ➡ a strong
persuasion im-pulse

income ➡ rent, revenue in-come

index ➡ a hand or mark in-dex

inquest  *inquiry, search* in-quest

inroad  *invasion* in-road

insect  *a small living creature* in-sect

insult  *an affront* in-sult

intrigue  *a plot* in-trigue

kennel ➞ *watercourse* ken-nel

kernel ➞ *inside of a nut* ker-nel

kersey ➞ *coarse cloth* ker-sey

kidder ➞ *a carrier* kid-der

knuckle ➞ *a joint* knuc-kle

lancet  *a surgeon's* lan-cet

instrument

language  *speech* lan-guage

latchet  *part of the shoe* lat-chet

legate  *Pope's* le-gate

ambassador

legend ➤ *a fabulous*
writing

le-gend

libel ➤ *a scandalous*
writing

li-bel

licence ➤ *leave*

li-cence

limner ➤ *a painter*

lim-ner

liquid ➞ *a flowing body* li-**quid**

logic ➞ *the art of*
reasoning lo-**gic**

lucre ➞ *gain* lu-**cre**

lustre ➞ *brightness* lus-**tre**