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Nouns of Two Syllables, Explained, M to R

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, M to R.

machine ➞ *an engine* ma-chine

madam ➞ *a title of*
honour ma-dam

magnet ➞ *the lodestone* mag-net

maiden ➞ *a young*
woman mai-den

manchet ➞ a piece of *bread* man-chet

mandate ➞ a command man-date

mantle ➞ a cloak man-tle

margin ➞ the brim or *edge* mar-gin

matron  *a motherly* **ma-tron**

woman

maxim  *a principle* **max-im**

mayor  *a magistrate* **may-or**

medal  *a coin* **me-dal**

membrane  *a thin skin* **mem-brane**

merit ➞ *worth* me-rit

message ➞ *an errand* mes-sage

metal ➞ *gold, silver, &c.* me-tal

mimic ➞ *a macker* mi-mic

minute ➞ *a short space of* mi-nute
time

mirror ➞ *a looking-glass* **mir-ror**

mischievous ➞ *hurt* **mis-chief**

miser ➞ *a covetous fellow* **mi-ser**

mitre ➞ *a bishop's cap* **mi-tre**

mixture ➞ *a mingling* **mix-ture**

model  *frame or* **mo-del**
fashion

moment  *an instant,* **mo-ment**
also importance

motive  *inducement* **mo-tive**

motto  *a short sentence* **mot-to**

mountain ➞ *a hill* moun-tain

music ➞ *harmony* mu-sic

mustard ➞ *a small seed* mus-tard

native ➞ *one born in the*
land na-tive

nature ➞ *disposition* na-ture

navel  a part of the na-vel
belly

navy  a fleet of ships na-vy

nitre  saltpetre, &c. ni-tre

nonage  under age non-age

novel  a story no-vel

nurture ➞ *nourishment* nur-ture

nuisance ➞ *annoyance* nui-sance

object ➞ *that which*
presents itself ob-ject

oblong ➞ *a long square* ob-long

adour  *sweet scent or* o-dour

smell

amen  *a sign or token* o-men

organ  *an instrument of* or-gan

music

orphan ➞ *a fatherless* **or-phan**
child

oval ➞ *an egg-like figure* **o-val**

outrage ➞ *a violent* **out-rage**
affront

packet ➡ *a parcel or* **pack-et**

vessel

pagan ➡ *a heathen* **pa-gan**

painter ➡ *one who* **pain-ter**

paints

palace ➡ *a court* **pa-lace**

palate  *the roof of the* **pa-late**

mouth

palsy  *a disease* **pal-sy**

panic  *fear on a* **pa-nic**

sudden

parchment  a skin to **parch-ment**

write on

parsley  an herb **pars-ley**

pastime  sport **pas-time**

pastor  a minister **pas-tor**

patent ➞ *a grant from*
the king pa-tent

peasant ➞ *a country*
fellow pea-sant

pebbles ➞ *small stones* peb-bles

primer ➞ *a little book* pri-mer

princess ➤ *a king's*
daughter

prin-cess

problem ➤ *a question*

pro-blem

process ➤ *proceeding*

pro-cess

practor ➤ *a spiritual*
officer

proc-tor

product is the thing

pro-duct

produced

progress is a going
forward

pro-gress

project is a contrivance

pro-ject

prologue ➤ a speech
beforehand pro-logue

praphet ➤ an inspired
person pro-phet

prospect ➤ a view pros-pect

proxy ➤ a deputy pro-xy

purport ➤ meaning

pur-port

purpose ➤ a design

pur-pose

pursuit ➤ running after,
diligence

pur-suit

penance ➤ mortification

pe-nance

perfume ➤ a sweet scent

per-fume

phantom ➤ a ghost **phan-tom**

phoenix ➤ a rare bird **phoe-nix**

physic ➤ a medicine **phy-sic**

pickle ➤ a preserve **pic-kle**

picture ➤ a
representation **pic-ture**

pilot ➡ *a sea guide* **pi-lot**

pinnace ➡ *a small sea* **pin-nace**
vessel

pirate ➡ *a sea robber* **pi-rate**

pismire ➡ *an ant* **pis-mire**

plaintiff  *he who*

plain-tiff

complaineth

plaster  *a cover*

plas-ter

precept  *command*

pre-cept

precinct  *a particular*

pre-cinct

jurisdiction

prelate ➞ *a bishop* pre-late

prelude ➞ *entrance* pre-lude

pretence ➞ *excuse* pre-tence

pretext ➞ *pretence* pre-text

primate ➞ *chief* pri-mate

archbishop

quadrant  *a fourth* qua-drant

part

quarrel  *strife* quar-rel

quiver  *a case for* qui-ver

arrows

quorum ➞ a bench of *quo-rum*

justices

quota ➞ a share *quo-ta*

rabble ➞ mob *rab-ble*

radix ➞ root *ra-dix*

raiment ➞ a garment *rai-ment*

raisin ➞ *a dried grape* **rai-sin**

rancour ➞ *malice* **ran-cour**

random ➞ *uncertainty* **ran-dom**

rapine ➞ *robbery* **ra-pine**

rapture ➞ *transport of* **rap-ture**
mind

rashness ✎ *hastiness* rash-ness

razor ✎ *an instrument to* ra-zor

shave

receipt ✎ *a discharge* re-ceipt

recess ✎ *a secret abode* re-cess

record ✎ *register* re-cord

rector ➡ *the parson of a*
parish **rec-tor**

reflux ➡ *a flowing back* **re-flux**

refuge ➡ *a place of*
safety **re-fuge**

regard ➡ *respect* **re-gard**

relict  *a widow*

re-lict

relief  *assistance*

re-lief

renown  *fame*

re-nown

repast  *a meal*

re-past

respite  *a delay for*
same time

res-pite

result ➡ *conclusion* re-sult

revenge ➡ *satisfaction* re-venge

review ➡ *an examination* re-view

rhubarb ➡ *a purging*
plant rhu-barb

riddle ➡ *a dark saying* rid-dle

rigour ➞ *harshness,* ri-gour

strictness

riot ➞ *tumult, noise* ri-ot

romance ➞ *a feigned* ro-mance
story

rubbish ➞ *refuse, dirt* rub-bish

rubric ➡ *the church service* ru-bric

rupture ➡ *a breaking* rup-ture