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Nouns of Two Syllables, Explained, S to Z

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, S to Z.

Sabbath ➞ a day of rest Sab-bath

sable ➞ a rich fur sa-ble

salad ➞ food of rare
herbs sal-ad

samphire ➞ the name of
a plant sam-phire

sample  a pattern **sam-ple**

sandal  a sort of shoe **san-dal**

sapphire  a costly stone **sap-phire**

sarcasm  a scoff or **sar-casm**

taunt

satchel  a bag for

sat-chel

books

satin  a sort of silk

sat-in

Saturn  one of the

Sa-turn

planets

scabbard  sheath

scab-bard

scandal  *offence,*

scan-dal

infamy

sceptre  *a royal staff*

scep-tre

sceptic  *a doubter*

scep-tic

schedule  (pronounced *sche-dule*) an additional
writing annexed to a will
or deed

scholar  a learned
person

science ➡ *knowledge* sci-ence

scoundrel ➡ *a rascally*
fellow scoun-drel

Scriptures ➡ *the Old*
and New Testament Scrip-tures

scion ➡ *a graft* sci-on

scruple  *a doubt* **scru-ple**

sculpture  *engraving* **sculp-ture**

scurvy  *a disease* **scur-vy**
breaking out in scabs

segment  *a piece cut* **seg-ment**
off

serpent  *a venomous*

ser-pent

creature

sexton  *a church officer*

sex-ton

shambles  *butchers'*

sham-bles

stalls

sharpener  *a cheat*

shar-per

shekel ✎ a Jewish coin

she-kel

siyls ✎ ancient
prophetesses

si-byls

signal ✎ a sign given

sig-nal

signet ✎ a seal set in a
ring

sig-net

siren  *a mermaid* **si-ren**

slaven  *a nasty fellow* **slo-ven**

sluggard  *a slothful* **slug-gard**
person

socket  *part of a* **sock-et**
candlestick

sonnet ➞ *a small poem* son-net

sophist ➞ *a subtle disputer* so-phist

sorrow ➞ *grief* sor-row

sparrow ➞ *a bird* spar-row

spectre ➞ *an apparition* spec-tre

spikenard ✎ a sweet **spike-nard**

plant

spinach ✎ an herb **spin-ach**

spinnet ✎ a musical **spin-net**

instrument

spinster  a maiden **spin-ster**

woman

splinter  a shiver of **splin-ter**

wood

spansar  a surety **spen-sor**

squirrel  a small beast **squir-rel**

statue ➡ *an image* sta-tue

statute ➡ *a law* sta-tute

stature ➡ *shape, size* sta-ture

steward ➡ *an overseer* stew-ard

stickler ➡ *a zealot* stick-ler

stipend ➡ *a salary* sti-pend

stirrup  *belonging to a* **stir-rup**

saddle

stomach  *a part of the* **sto-mach**

body

storage  *warehouse* **sto-rage**

room

story  *a tale* **sto-ry**

streamer  *a flag* **stream-er**

stripling  *a young*
man **strip-ling**

structure  *a building* **struc-ture**

stubble  *stalks of corn* **stub-ble**

student ➞ *one who studies* stu-dent

substance ➞ *wealth* sub-stance

suburbs ➞ *out-parts of a*
city sub-urbs

success ➞ *good luck* suc-cess

succour ➞ *help, assistance* suc-cour

suffrage ➞ a vote

suf-frage

suitor ➞ a requester of a
favour

sui-tor

sulphur ➞ brimstone

sul-phur

summer ➞ hot season of
the year

sum-mer

summit  *the highest* **sum-mit**

part

surety  *safety, bail* **sure-ty**

surface  *the outside* **sur-face**

surfeit  *indisposition* **sur-feit**

surprise  *astonishment* **sur-prise**

swallow  *a bird*

swal-low

symbol  *a badge or*

sym-bol

mark

symptom  *a sign or*

symp-tom

taken

synod ➞ *an assembly of* **sy-nod**

ministers

system ➞ *a scheme which* **sys-tem**

unites many things in
order

table  a flat surface, an **ta-ble**

index to a book

tailor  a maker of **tai-lor**

clothes

talent  of gold, worth **ta-lent**

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tallow  *melted fat* **tal-low**

talon  *a claw* **ta-lon**

tankard  *a mug with a* **tan-kard**
lid

tanner  *one who tans* **tan-ner**
hides

taper  a long wax-light, ta-per

etc.

tapster  a drawer of tap-ster

liquors

target  a shield tar-get

tassel  *a bunch of* **tas-sel**

fringe

tauern  *a house well* **ta-vern**

known

temper  *natural* **tem-per**

disposition

tempest ✎ a storm **tem-pest**

tenant ✎ one who hires **te-nant**

tenet ✎ a doctrine or
opinion **te-net**

tenter ✎ an hook **ten-ter**

terrace ✎ a bank of earth **ter-race**

terror  *fright*

ter-ror

tester  *part of a bed*

tes-ter

tetter  *an humour*

tet-ter

texture  *a weaving*

tex-ture

thicket  *a place full of*
bushes

thick-et

thistle  a prickly

this-tle

plant

thresher  a beater out of

thresh-er

corn

thunder  a noise in the

thun-der

air

Thursday  *the fifth*
day **Thurs-day**

ticket  *a small note* **tick-et**

tiger  *a furious beast* **ti-ger**

timber  *wood for*
building **tim-ber**

timbrel  a musical tim-brel

instrument

tincture  a stain or dye tinc-ture

tinder  burnt rags tin-der

tinker  a mender of tin-ker
brass

taken  *a gift* **to-ken**

tonnage  *a duty to the* **ton-nage**
king

topic  *head of a* **to-pic**
discourse

torrent  a violent
tor-rent

stream

tortoise  a shellfish
tor-toise

towel  a wiping cloth
tow-el

tower  a castle
tow-er

traffic  trade
traf-fic

traitor ➞ one guilty of **trai-tor**

treason

transcript ➞ a copy **tran-script**

transit ➞ a pass **tran-sit**

travail ➞ labour, pains **tra-vail**

treacle ➞ a medicine **trea-cle**

treason ➞ *disloyalty* trea-son

treasure ➞ *riches, goods* trea-sure

treatise ➞ *a discourse* trea-tise

tremor ➞ *a trembling* tre-mor

trenches ➞ *deep ditches* tren-ches

tribune ➞ *a magistrate* tri-bune

tribute ➡ a tax tri-bute

trimmer ➡ a sharper trim-mer

trooper ➡ a horse soldier troo-per

trophy ➡ a sign of
victory tro-phy

trowel  a tool to spread **trow-el**

mortar

trumpet  a warlike **trum-pet**

instrument

trustee  a guardian **trus-tee**

trial  an examination **tri-al**

Tuesday is the third
day

Tues-day

tulip is a flower

tu-lip

tumour is a swelling

tu-mour

tumult is a riot

tu-mult

tunnel  a thing well **tun-nel**

known

turkey  a fowl **tur-key**

turnip  a white root **tur-nip**

turret  a small tower **tur-ret**

turtle  a bird **tur-tle**

tutor  *an instructor* **tu-tor**

twilight  *neither day*
nor night **twi-light**

tyrant  *a cruel*
governor **ty-rant**

tyro  *a young beginner* **ty-ro**

vagrant ➤ an idle **va-grant**

person

valance ➤ short curtains **va-lance**

valley ➤ a low part **val-ley**

valour ➤ courage **va-lour**

value ➤ worth or price **va-lue**

vapour ➞ *steam* **va-pour**

varlet ➞ *a knave* **var-let**

varnish ➞ *a glassy*
paint **var-nish**

vassal ➞ *a slave* **vas-sal**

udder ➞ *dug of a cow* **ud-der**

vellum ➞ *calfs skin* vel-lum

parchment

velvet ➞ *fine silk* vel-vet

manufacture

venom ➞ *poison* ve-nom

Venus is the goddess of
beauty

Ve-nus

verdict is the report of
juries

ver-dict

verdure is greenness

ver-dure

verjuice  *the juice of* **ver-juice**

crabs

vermin  *hurtful* **ver-min**

creatures

vessel  *a small ship, etc.* **ves-sel**

vestals ➡ a sort of *ves-tals*

priestesses

vestige ➡ *footstep* *ves-tige*

vestry ➡ a place in the *ves-try*
church

vesture ➡ *clothing* *ves-ture*

vial  a small glass bottle **vi-al**

vicar  a deputy **vi-car**

viscount  next degree to **vis-count**
earl

victim  a sacrifice **vic-tim**

victor  a conqueror **vic-tor**

vigour ➞ *strength* **vi-gour**

village ➞ *a small town* **vil-lage**

villain ➞ *a rogue* **vil-lain**

vintner ➞ *a seller of* **vint-ner**

wine

viper ➞ a venomous creature **vi-per**

creature

virgin ➞ a chaste maiden **vir-gin**

virtue ➞ quality, honesty **vir-tue**

visage ➞ countenance **vi-sage**

visor ➞ a mask **vi-sor**

vista  *a view* **vis-ta**

ulcer  *a running sore* **ul-cer**

umpire  *an arbitrator* **um-pire**

uncle  *a father's brother* **un-cle**

volley  *a discharge of* **vol-ley**
guns

volume  *a complete book* vo-lume

voyage  *a passage by*
sea voy-age

urchin  *an unlucky child* ur-chin

usage  *custom* u-sage

usher  *an under master* ush-er

Vulcan is a pagan
god

Vul-can

wafer is to seal letters with

wa-fer

wagon is a carriage

wag-on

wainscot is thin boards
fixed to a wall

wain-scot

wallet  a travelling bag wal-let

walnut  a large nut wal-nut

Walter  a man's name Wal-ter

warden  a guardian or war-den
keeper

wardrobe ➞ *a place* **ward-robe**
for clothes

warfare ➞ *a military* **war-fare**
expedition

warrant ➞ *a written* **war-rant**
order

warren  a place for *war-ren*

rabbits

weapon  an instrument *wea-pon*

of offence

weather  the state of air *wea-ther*

weaver  one who weaves *wea-ver*

weasel is a little wild **wea-sel**

creature

wherry is a small boat **wher-ry**

wicket is a little gate **wick-et**

widow is one whose **wi-dow**

husband is dead

willow  a tree so called **wil-low**

woodcock  a bird well **wood-cock**

known

wrestling  an exercise **wrest-ling**

yeoman  a common **yeo-man**

man

youngster ➤ *a young* young-ster
fellow

zealot ➤ *a zealous* zea-lot
person

zenith ➤ *a point* ze-nith
overhead