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Adjectives, Explained, A to L

Adjectives, explained, from Daniel Fenning, The Universal Spelling-Book (London, 1798),

Part III, Table II: 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 II. Nouns Adjective, accented and explained, A to L.

abject ➤ mean, base **ab-ject**

abrupt ➤ unseasonable **ab-rupt**

absent ➤ not present **ab-sent**

abstruse ➤ secret, difficult **abs-truse**

absurd ➤ foolish **ab-surd**

acute ➤ ingenious **a-cute**

adjunct  *joined to* **ad-junct**

adverse  *not* **ad-verse**

prosperous

adult  *full grown* **a-dult**

agile  *quick, nimble* **a-gile**

alert  *brisk* **a-ler**t

antique ➞ *strange, ancient* an-tique

ardent ➞ *zealous* ar-dent

august ➞ *sacred* au-gust

barbed ➞ *bearded* bar-bed

benign ➞ *courteous* be-nign

blighted ➞ *blasted* blight-ed

boorish → *clownish* boor-ish

braced → *joined together* bra-ced

brawny → *sinewy, also* braw-ny
lusty

brumal → *winter-like* bru-mal

bulbous → *roundish* bul-bous

bulky  *lig*

bul-ky

calid  *hot*

ca-lid

callous  *hard, unfeeling*

cal-lous

callow  *unfledged*

cal-low

candid  *sincere*

can-did

caustic  *searing, burning*

caus-tic

childish ➞ *child-like* child-ish

civil ➞ *courteous* ci-vil

clever ➞ *nice, ingenious* cle-ver

clotted ➞ *in lumps* clot-ted

complex ➞ *difficult* com-plex

concave ➞ *hollow* con-cave

concise ✎ *short* con-cise

condign ✎ *deserved* con-dign

contrite ✎ *penitent* con-trite

correct ✎ *without fault* cor-rect

castive ✎ *bound in body* cos-tive

crafty ✎ *cunning* craf-ty

dainty ➡ *nice in diet* dain-ty

decent ➡ *becoming* de-cent

demure ➡ *over grave* de-mure

devout ➡ *godly* de-vout

direful ➡ *terrible, cursed* dire-ful

dijunct ➡ *disjoined* di-junct

divers ➡ *sundry, several* di-vers

diverse ➡ *different* di-verse

divine ➡ *heavenly* di-vine

doleful ➡ *mournful* dole-ful

dormant ➡ *sleeping,* dor-mant

inactive

drowsy  *sleepy, heavy* **drow-sy**

ductile  *apt to draw out* **duc-tile**

eager  *earnest* **ea-ger**

earnest  *steadfast* **ear-nest**

entire  *whole* **en-tire**

epic  *heroic* **e-pic**

equal ➤ *even*

e-qual

exact ➤ *nice, curious*

ex-act

exempt ➤ *free from*

ex-empt

expert ➤ *cunning*

ex-pert

extinct ➤ *put out, dead*

ex-tinct

facile ➤ *easy to be done*

fa-cile

feeble ➞ *weak*

fee-ble

fertile ➞ *fruitful*

fer-tile

fickle ➞ *given to change*

fic-kle

finite ➞ *that which has
an end*

fi-nite

flagrant ➞ *manifest*

fla-grant

fledged  *covered with*
feathers

fledg-ed

florid  *blaming,*
eloquent

flo-rid

fluent  *eloquent in*
speech

flu-ent

foreign ➤ *outlandish*

fo-reign

farlorn ➤ *helpless,*

for-lorn

forsaken

formal ➤ *affected*

for-mal

fragrant ➤ *of a sweet*

fra-grant

smell

frigid ➡ *cold*

fri-gid

frugal ➡ *thrifty*

fru-gal

future ➡ *yet to come*

fu-ture

gallant ➡ *brave, genteel*

gal-lant

gaudy ➡ *fine, gay*

gau-dy

genteel ➞ *neat, fine,*

gen-teel

gallant

gentle ➞ *civil, mild, also*

gen-tle

tame

giddy ➞ *wild,*

gid-dy

inconsiderate

handsome ➤ *comely* hand-some

haughty ➤ *proud* haugh-ty

heady ➤ *strong,*
self-willed hea-dy

hectic ➤ *consumptive* hec-tic

heinous ➤ *very wicked* hein-ous

honest  *just* ho-nest

horrid  *dreadful* hor-rid

hostile  *enemy-like* hos-tile

humane  *courteous, very* hu-mane

kind

humble  *modest* hum-ble

humid ➞ *moist* hu-mid

immense ➞ *exceeding* im-mense

great

infirm ➞ *weak* in-firm

innate ➞ *inbred* in-nate

knarish ➞ *deceitful,* **kna-vish**

cheating

languid ➞ *weak, faint* **lan-guid**

latent ➞ *lying hid* **la-tent**

limpid ➞ *clear* **lim-pid**

local  *belonging to a*
place lo-cal

lofty  *high* lof-ty

lucid  *bright* lu-cid

lyric  *belonging to the*
harp ly-ric