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Adjectives, Explained, M to Y

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, M to Y.

magic ➤ *black, devilish* ma-gic

maimed ➤ *hurt* maim-ed

mature ➤ *perfect* ma-ture

mighty ➤ *powerful* migh-ty

minute ➤ *small* mi-nute

modern ➤ *new* mo-dern

modish ➤ *fashionable* **mo-dish**

monstrous ➤ *prodigious* **mon-strous**

moral ➤ *belonging to* **mo-ral**

manners

mundane ➤ *worldly* **mun-dane**

nervous ➤ *sinewy* **ner-vous**

nether ➞ *lower* ne-ther

neuter ➞ *of neither side* neu-ter

nitrous ➞ *consisting of*
nitre or salt ni-trous

nocent ➞ *hurtful* no-cent

noisome ➞ *loathsome* noi-some

oblique ➞ *crooked* ob-lique

obscure ➞ *dark* ob-scure

obtuse ➞ *blunt* ob-tuse

occult ➞ *secret* oc-cult

paltry ➞ *pitiful, mean* pal-try

papal  *belonging to the* **pa-pal**
Pope

passive  *apt to bear or* **pas-sive**
suffer

pathless  *untrodden,* **path-less**
unknown

peerish ➞ *fretful* pee-vish

pensive ➞ *melancholy,*
thoughtful pen-sive

perdue ➞ *lost, hid* per-due

perverse ➞ *forward* per-verse

plural ➞ *more than one* plu-ral

polite  *neat, genteel*

po-lite

patent  *powerful*

po-tent

precise  *formal, exact*

pre-cise

pregnant  *big with
anything*

preg-nant

pristine  *ancient*

pris-tine

private ➡ *hid*

pri-vate

profane ➡ *wicked*

pro-fane

profuse ➡ *lavish*

pro-fuse

prolix ➡ *long, tedious*

pro-lix

putrid ➡ *corrupt*

pu-trid

rampant ➡ *wanton*

ram-pant

rapid ➞ *swift* **ra-pid**

recent ➞ *new* **re-cent**

regal ➞ *kingly* **re-gal**

remiss ➞ *negligent* **re-miss**

remote ➞ *far off* **re-mote**

rigid ➞ *severe* **ri-gid**

robust ➞ *lusty, strong* ro-bust

roguish ➞ *knarish* ro-guish

royal ➞ *kingly* roy-al

ruddy ➞ *somewhat red* rud-dy

rural ➞ *country-like* ru-ral

rustic ➞ *unmannerly* rus-tic

sable ➞ *dark*

sa-ble

sacred ➞ *holy*

sa-cred

sanguine ➞ *bloody, also*

san-guine

vigorous

savage ➞ *brutish*

sa-vage

saucy ➞ *unmannerly*

sau-cy

scarlet ✎ *fine red* scar-let

secure ✎ *safe* se-cure

sedate ✎ *quiet* se-date

select ✎ *choice* se-lect

serene ✎ *clear, calm* se-rene

servile ✎ *mean, base* ser-vile

shallow  *empty*

shal-low

shameless  *impudent*

shame-less

shapely  *well formed*

shape-ly

sickly  *unhealthy*

sick-ly

simple  *pure, unmixed,*

sim-ple

foolish

sincere ➞ *honest* sin-cere

skittish ➞ *wanton* skit-tish

slender ➞ *not thick* slen-der

solar ➞ *belonging to the* so-lar

sun

solemn  *done with*

so-lemn

reverence

solid  *firm, lasting*

so-lid

solvent  *able to pay*

sol-vent

sordid  *mean, base*

sor-did

speedy  *hasty*

spee-dy

splendid  *glorious* **splen-did**

sprightly  *brisk, lively* **spright-ly**

spangy  *full of holes* **spon-gy**

squalid  *foul, nasty* **squa-lid**

squeamish  *weak* **squeam-ish**

stomached

stagnant ➞ *standing still* stag-nant

stately ➞ *majestic* state-ly

steady ➞ *even, firm* stea-dy

stellar ➞ *starry* stel-lar

sterile ➞ *unfruitful* ster-ile

stolid ➞ *foolish* sto-lid

stubborn ➞ *obstinate*

stub-born

stunted ➞ *hindered* *from*

stun-ted

growing

stupid ➞ *dull, senseless*

stu-pid

sturdy ➞ *resolute*

stur-dy

sublime ➞ *high, lofty*

sub-lime

subtle ☞ *crafty, also thin* **sub-tle**
or fine

succinct ☞ *brief, short* **suc-cinct**

sudden ☞ *hasty, quick* **sud-den**

sullen ☞ *gloomy* **sul-len**

sultry ☞ *very hot* **sul-try**

sundry ☞ *several, many* sun-dry

supine ☞ *careless* su-pine

supple ☞ *tender, pliant* sup-ple

supreme ☞ *highest* su-preme

surplus ☞ *over and* sur-plus
above

swarthy ➞ *blackish*

swar-thy

tacit ➞ *silent*

ta-cit

tainted ➞ *corrupted*

tain-ted

tardy ➞ *dull, slow, also*

tar-dy

guilty

taunting ➞ *scoffing*

taunt-ing

tawdry  *foolishly gay* taw-dry

tawny  *brownish* taw-ny

testy  *peevish, churlish* tes-ty

tinged  *coloured* tin-ged

torpid  *benumbed, sleepy* tor-pid

torrid  *hot, burning* tor-rid

total ✎ *entire, whole* to-tal

toward ✎ *orderly* to-ward

transverse ✎ *across,*
athwart trans-verse

trepid ✎ *trembling* tre-pid

triple ✎ *threefold* tri-ple

trusty ➡ *faithful*

trus-ty

tumid ➡ *swelling*

tu-mid

turgid ➡ *swollen, puffed up*

tur-gid

vacant ➡ *void*

va-cant

vapid ➡ *dead, flat*

va-pid

verbal  *by word of* **ver-bal**

mouth

verbose  *using many* **ver-bose**

words

verdant  *green* **ver-dant**

vernal  *belonging to the* **ver-nal**

spring

vinous  *having the relish* **vi-nous**

of wine

viscous  *clammy* **vis-cous**

vital  *of life* **vi-tal**

vivid  *lively* **vi-vid**

uncouth  *uncommon* **un-couth**

unwise  *foolish* **un-wise**

vocal  *belonging to the* **vo-cal**

voice

volant  *flying* **vo-lant**

upright ➞ *sincere, honest* up-right

urbane ➞ *courteous* ur-bane

vulgar ➞ *common* vul-gar

wanton ➞ *light, waggish* wan-ton

wealthy ➞ *rich* weal-ty

weighty ➞ *heavy* weigh-ty

woeful  *full of woe* **woe-ful**

woollen  *made of wool* **wool-len**

yearly  *every year* **year-ly**