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Nouns of Three Syllables, Explained, A to C

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

Part III, Table IV: 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 IV. Nouns Substantive of three Syllables, accented and explained, A to C.

abettor  *one that abets* **a-bet-tor**

abridgment  *a* **a-bridg-ment**
shortening

accidence  *a little book* **ac-ci-dence**
of the first rudiments of
grammar

accident ➞ *chance,* **ac-ci-dent**

misfortune

accomplice ➞ *a* **ac-com-plice**

companion

acquittal ➞ *a discharge* **ac-quit-tal**

adjournment  *a*

ad-journ-ment

putting off

adjument  *help, aid*

ad-ju-ment

adjutant  *an assistant*

ad-ju-tant

admiral  *a sea*

ad-mi-ral

commander

adventure ➡ *a chance* ad-ven-ture

advocate ➡ *a pleader* ad-vo-cate

affiance ➡ *confidence* af-fi-ance

affluence ➡ *wealth or*
plenty af-flu-ence

aggregate ➡ *total* ag-gre-gate

aggressor ➞ *the assaulter* ag-gres-sor

agony ➞ *violent pain* a-go-ny

alderman ➞ *a magistrate* al-der-man

alembic ➞ *a distilling* a-lem-bic

vessel

algebra ➞ *short arithmetic* al-ge-bra

alien ➞ *a foreigner* a-li-en

aliment ➞ *food,*
nourishment a-li-ment

alliance ➞ *a league* al-li-ance

allotment ➞ *appointment* al-lot-ment

almanac  *yearly*

al-ma-nac

*account of time, weather,
&c.*

allowance  *maintenance*

al-low-ance

almoner  *disposer of*

al-mo-ner

alms

alphabet  *all the letters*
of a language **al-pha-bet**

altitude  *height* **al-ti-tude**

amendment  *reformation* **am-end-ment**

amnesty  *a general*
pardon **am-nes-ty**

amulet ➞ *charm* a-mu-let

anarchy ➞ *want of*
government a-nar-chy

anchoret ➞ *an hermit* an-cho-ret

animal ➞ *any living*
creature a-ni-mal

annoyance vs *injury,*

an-noy-ance

nuisance

antichrist vs *a false*
Christ

an-ti-christ

antidote vs *a remedy*
for poison

an-ti-dote

antipope ➞ *a false* **an-ti-pope**

pope

aperture ➞ *an opening* **a-per-ture**

apostate ➞ *a backslider* **a-pos-tate**

apartment ➞ *a lodging* **a-part-ment**

appendage ➡ *an*

ap-pend-age

addition

appendix ➡ *a*

ap-pen-dix

supplement

aptitude ➡ *fitness,*

ap-ti-tude

disposition

aqueduct ➤ *a conduit or* a-que-duct

pipe

arcnum ➤ *a secret* ar-ca-num

architect ➤ *a master* ar-chi-tect

builder

argument ➡ *reason or* ar-gu-ment

proof

armada ➡ *a great navy* ar-ma-da

artery ➡ *a blood vessel* ar-te-ry

article ➡ *a chief head* ar-ti-cle

artifice ➡ *cunning* ar-ti-fice

assailant  *one who* **as-sail-ant**

assaults

assessor  *a settler of* **as-ses-sor**

taxes

achievement  *a great* **a-chieve-ment**

act

atheism ➞ *denying of*
God a-the-ism

attribute ➞ *a property* at-tri-bute

auction ➞ *a public sale* auc-ti-on

audience ➞ *a hearing* au-di-ence

avenue ➤ *a fine walk or* a-ve-nue

passage

augury ➤ *a divination by* au-gu-ry
birds

axiom ➤ *a self-evident* ax-i-om
principle

bacchanals  *drunken* **bac-cha-nals**

feasts

bachelor  *an* **ba-che-lor**

unmarried man

baronet  *one below a* **ba-ro-net**

baron

harrister ➞ *a lawyer*

bar-ris-ter

basilisk ➞ *a venomous*

ba-si-lisk

creature

benefice ➞ *an*

be-ne-fice

ecclesiastical living

bigotry ➞ *superstition*

bi-got-ry

bissextile ➡ *leap year* bis-sex-tile

blasphemy ➡ *cursing of*
God blas-phe-my

botanist ➡ *one skilled in*
plants bo-ta-nist

bravery ➡ *courage* bra-ve-ry

brevity ➞ *shortness* bre-vi-ty

bullion ➞ *uncoined gold*
or silver bul-li-on

cabinet ➞ *a small chest* ca-bi-net

calamint ➞ *an herb* ca-la-mint

calendar ➞ *an almanac* ca-len-dar

calenture ➤ *a burning* ca-len-ture

fever

calumny ➤ *reproach* ca-lum-ny

candidate ➤ *one who* can-di-date

offers himself

cannibals ➤ *men-eaters* can-ni-bals

canopy  a covering

ca-no-py

over head

caravan  a sort of

ca-ra-van

wagon

cardinal  a priest of

car-di-nal

Rome

carriage ➤ *the carriage*
of goods **car-ri-age**

cartilage ➤ *a gristly*
substance **car-ti-lage**

catalogue ➤ *a list of*
names **ca-ta-logue**

catechism  *a short* **ca-te-chism**

system

Catherine  *the name* **Ca-the-rine**
of a woman

cavalry  *the horsemen* **ca-val-ry**

cavalcade  *a show on* **ca-val-cade**

horseback

caveat  *a caution* **ca-ve-at**

cavity  *hollowness* **ca-vi-ty**

celandine  *an herb* **ce-lan-dine**

century  *an hundred* cen-tu-ry

years

champion  *a valiant* cham-pi-on

man

chancellor  *an officer* chan-cel-lor

chastity  *purity* chas-ti-ty

chimera  *an idle conceit* chi-me-ra

chronicles  *histories* chro-ni-cles

cinnamon  *a spice* cin-na-mon

circuit  *a compass about* cir-cu-it

citadel  *a strong fort* ci-ta-del

citizen ➞ *a freeman of*
a city ci-ti-zen

cognizance ➞ *knowledge* cog-ni-zance

colloquy ➞ *a conference* col-lo-quy

combatant ➞ *a fighter* com-ba-tant

comedy ➞ *a play* co-me-dy

committee  *a select* com-mit-tee

company

complement  *remainder* com-ple-ment

compliment  *a* com-pli-ment

ceremony

composure  *calmness* **com-po-sure**
of mind

computant  *an* **com-pu-tant**
accountant

comptroller  *an* **comp-trol-ler**
inspector

concernment  *affair,* con-cern-ment

business

concordance  *agreement* con-cor-dance

concurrence  *a* con-cur-rence

running together

conference  *a discourse* con-fe-rence

confluence  *a*

con-flu-ence

concourse

conformist  *one who*

con-form-ist

conforms

conjecture  *guess,*

con-jec-ture

opinion

connivance  *a*

con-ni-vance

winking at

consequence  *result*

con-se-quence

contexture  *a joining*
together

con-tex-ture

continence  *chastity*

con-ti-nence

continent ➞ *firm land* con-ti-nent

conveyance ➞ *a deed* con-vey-ance

coroner ➞ *an officer* co-ro-ner

coverture ➞ *a covering* co-ver-ture

courtesy ➞ *civility* cour-te-sy

criticism ➞ *nice judging* cri-ti-cism

crucifix ➞ *a cross*

cru-ci-fix

crudity ➞ *rawness*

cru-di-ty

cucumber ➞ *a summer*
fruit

cu-cum-ber

custody ➞ *prison,*
security

cus-to-dy

customer ➡ *a buyer* **cus-to-mer**

cylinder ➡ *a roller* **cy-lin-der**