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Nouns of Three Syllables, Explained, S to Z

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, S to Z.

sacrament  *an holy* **sa-cra-ment**

sign

sacrilege  *church-robbling* **sa-cri-lege**

Sadducees  *a people* **Sad-du-cees**
that denied the being of
angels

salary ➞ *stated hire* sa-la-ry

saltpetre ➞ *a kind of*
mineral salt-pe-tre

sanction ➞ *a decree* sanc-ti-on

sanctity ➞ *holiness* sanc-ti-ty

Sanhedrim  *the*

San-he-drim

*supreme council of the
Jews*

sanity  *health,*

sa-ni-ty

soundness

sapience  *prudence*

sa-pi-ence

sardonyx is a precious **sar-do-nyx**

stone

Saturday is the seventh **Sa-tur-day**

day

satirist is a writer of **sa-ti-rist**

satires

saxifrage  *an herb* sax-i-frage

scaramouch  *a* sca-ra-mouch

posture master

scavenger  *dirt-gatherer* sca-ven-ger

schismatic  *one guilty* schis-ma-tic
of unlawful separation

scrivener  *a writer* scri-ve-ner

scrutiny  *search* scru-ti-ny

scullion  *a* scul-li-on

kitchen-wench

secrecy  *privacy* se-cre-cy

sectary  *one of any sect* sec-ta-ry

section ➤ *a division* sec-ti-on

sentiment ➤ *an opinion* sen-ti-ment

sepulchre ➤ *a grave* se-pul-chre

serenade ➤ *night music* se-re-nade

sergeant ➤ *an officer* ser-ge-ant

series ➤ *order, course* se-ri-es

servitor  *a waiter* **ser-vi-tor**

servitude  *slavery* **ser-vi-tude**

session  *a meeting of*
council **ses-si-on**

settlement  *a settled* **set-tle-ment**

revenue

signature ✎ *a sign or* sig-na-**ture**

mark

syllabub ✎ *milk and* syl-la-**bub**

wine

simony  *illegal buying* **si-mo-ny**
and selling of church
livings

skeleton  *the bones of a* **ske-le-ton**
human body put together
in due order

solitude  *retirement* **so-li-tude**

sonneteer  *a small* **son-net-eer**

poet

sophister  *a cavilling* **so-phis-ter**

disputer

sorcery  *witchcraft* **sor-ce-ry**

sovereign ➞ *a prince*

so-ve-reign

species ➞ *a kind of sort*

spe-ci-es

specimen ➞ *a sample*

spe-ci-men

spectator ➞ *a looker on*

spec-ta-tor

spectacle ➞ *a public
sight*

spec-ta-cle

speculum  a **spe-cu-lum**

looking-glass

station  our place, or **sta-ti-on**

calling

strangury  a disease **stran-gu-ry**

strappado ➤ *a* strap-pa-do

punishment

stratagem ➤ *a subtle* stra-ta-gem

invention

suavity ➤ *pleasantness* su-a-vi-ty

subsidy ➞ a tax or **sub-si-dy**

tribute

subterfuge ➞ evasion, **sub-ter-fuge**

shift

suicide ➞ self-murder **su-i-cide**

sullenness ➞ stubbornness **sul-len-ness**

summary  *an*

sum-ma-ry

abridgement

supplement  *an*

sup-ple-ment

addition

supposal  *imagination*

sup-po-sal

surplusage  *what*

sur-plu-sage

exceeds

surgery  *practice of a*

sur-ge-ry

surgeon

surrogate  *a deputy*

sur-ro-gate

surveyor  *a measurer*
of land

sur-vey-or

survivor  *longest liver*

sur-vi-vor

sycophant  *a flatterer*

sy-co-phant

symmetry  *proportion*

sym-me-try

symphony  *harmony*

sym-pho-ny

synagogue ➞ a place of **sy-na-gogue**
worship

synopsis ➞ a brief view **sy-nop-sis**

taffeta ➞ a sort of **taf-fe-ta**
foreign silk

tapestry ✎ a fine

ta-pes-try

manufacture for hangings

telescope ✎ a glass to

te-le-scope

view distant objects

temperance ✎ moderation

tem-pe-rance

tendency ✎ drift, course

ten-den-cy

tenement ✎ a **te-ne-ment**

dwelling-house

terrier ✎ a hunting dog **ter-ri-er**

testament ✎ a will **tes-ta-ment**

testator ✎ one who **tes-ta-tor**

makes a will

theatre ➞ *a playhouse* the-a-tre

tobacco ➞ *an Indian* to-bac-co

weed

tragedy ➞ *a mournful* tra-ge-dy
play

treasury  a place for **trea-su-ry**

treasure

triangle  a figure of 3 **tri-an-gle**

angles

tribunal  a judgement **tri-bu-nal**

seat

Trinity the Godhead

Tri-ni-ty

truncheon a short

trun-cheon

staff

turmeric an Indian

tur-me-ric

herb

turpentine  *a sort of*
oil **tur-pen-tine**

turpitude  *filthiness* **tur-pi-tude**

tympany  *a hard*
swelling **tym-pa-ny**

tyranny ➡ *cruel*

ty-ran-ny

government

vacancy ➡ *an empty*

va-can-cy

space

vacuum ➡ *a space void*

va-cu-um

of bodies

vagabond ➞ *an idle*
fellow **va-ga-bond**

Valentine ➞ *a*
Romish festival **Va-len-tine**

vanity ➞ *folly,*
unprofitableness **va-ni-ty**

variance ➞ *difference* va-ri-ance

vassalage ➞ *subjection* vas-sal-age

Vatican ➞ *a library at*
Rome Va-ti-can

vehicle ➞ *a carriage* ve-hi-cle

vengeance ➞ *punishment* ven-geance

venison ➞ *the flesh of a*
luc *uck* **ve-ni-son**

ventricle ➞ *the stomach* **ven-tri-cle**

verdigris ➞ *rust of brass* **ver-di-gris**

verity ➞ *truth* **ve-ri-ty**

version ➞ *translation* **ver-si-on**

vertigo ➞ *a giddiness* ver-ti-go

vestiges ➞ *traces,*
footsteps ves-ti-ges

vicarage ➞ *the benefice of* vi-ca-rage
a vicar

victuals ➞ *food* vic-tu-als

vigilance ➞ *watchfulness* vi-gi-lance

villager ➞ *inhabitant of*
a village vil-la-ger

vintager ➞ *a manager*
of grapes vin-ta-ger

violet ➞ *a flower* vi-o-let

virago  a man-like vi-ra-go

woman

vision  sight, revelation vi-si-on

umbrella  a defence um-brel-la

from rain

union  agreement u-ni-on

unity  *union* **u-ni-ty**

universe  *the whole* **u-ni-verse**

world

volunteer  *one who* **vo-lun-teer**

serves willingly

votary ➞ *one who has*
devoted himself **vo-ta-ry**

votares ➞ *a female* **vo-ta-ress**
votary

upholder ➞ *an* **up-hol-der**
undertaker

usurer  *one who lends* **u-su-rer**

for gain

utensil  *an instrument* **u-ten-sil**

or tool

utterance  *speech* **ut-te-rance**

volcano  *a burning* **vol-ca-no**

mountain

waggoner  *a waggon* **wag-go-ner**

driver

wantonness  *waggishness* **wan-ton-ness**

wapentake  *a division* **wa-pen-take**
of a county

warrener  *a keeper of* **war-re-ner**
a warren

weariness  *tiresomeness* **wea-ri-ness**

Wednesday is the
fourth day

Wed-nes-day

Westminster is a city

West-min-ster

Whitsunday is the
seventh Sunday after
Easter

Whit-sun-day

widower  *one who has* **wi-dow-er**
buried his wife

wilderness  *a wild* **wil-der-ness**
place

wretchedness  *miserableness* **wretch-ed-ness**

yeomanry ☞ *body of* yeo-man-ry

yeomen

yesterday ☞ *the day* yes-ter-day

last past

Zabulon ☞ *a* Za-bu-lon

dwelling-place

zodiac ➞ *a circle in the* **zo-di-ac**

heavens