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Adjectives of Three Syllables, Explained, A to H

*Adjectives of three syllables, explained, from Daniel Fenning, The Universal Spelling-Book (London, 1798),
Part III, Table V: 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 V. Nouns Adjective of three Syllables, accented and explained, A to H.

abortive  *untimely* a-bor-tive

absolute  *unlimited* ab-so-lute

abstergent  *cleansing* ab-ster-gent

abstinent  *abstemious* ab-sti-nent

abusive  *apt to abuse* a-bu-sive

abundant  *abounding* a-bun-dant

accordant  *agreeing* ac-cor-dant

accurate  *exact, curious* ac-cu-rate

affable  *courteous* af-fa-ble

affrontive  *abusive* af-fron-tive

alamode  *fashionable* a-la-mode

aliquant  *uneven* al-i-quant

alternate  *by turns* **al-ter-nate**

ambient  *encompassing* **am-bi-ent**

amorous  *apt to fall* **am-o-rous**
in love

ancient  *old* **an-ci-ent**

annual  *yearly* **an-nu-al**

anxious ➞ *over-thoughtful* anx-i-ous

apparent ➞ *manifest,*
plain ap-par-ent

applauding ➞ *commending* ap-plaud-ing

apposite ➞ *fit* ap-po-site

aqueous ➞ *waterish* a-que-ous

arrogant  *proud,* **ar-ro-gant**

assuming

astringent  *binding* **as-trin-gent**

attentive  *heedful* **at-ten-tive**

authentic  *of good* **au-then-tic**

authority

autumnal ➡ *belonging to* au-tum-nal

autumn

barbarous ➡ *cruel* bar-ba-rous

benumbed ➡ *deprived of* be-numb-ed
feeling

besieged ➡ *encompassed* be-sieg-ed

bestial ➞ *bestly* **bes-ti-al**

boisterous ➞ *unruly,*
stormy **bois-ter-ous**

capital ➞ *great, chief* **cap-i-tal**

casual ➞ *by chance* **cas-u-al**

catholic ➞ *universal* **cath-o-lic**

circular  *round* **cir-cu-lar**

circumspect  *watchful,* **cir-cum-spect**

wise

clamorous  *naisy,* **clam-o-rous**

impertinent

coequal  *equal to* **co-e-qual**

another

competent  *fit,* **com-pe-tent**

convenient

comical  *pleasant,* **com-i-cal**

witty

complaisant ➤ *obliging,* com-plai-sant

civil

conceited ➤ *proud,* con-ceit-ed

affected

conclusive ➤ *ending* con-clu-sive

conducive ➤ *profitable,* *helpful* con-du-cive

congruous ➤ *convenient,* *proper* con-gru-ous

conjugal ➤ *matrimonial* con-ju-gal

consistent ➤ *agreeable to* con-sis-tent

continent  *chaste* **con-ti-nent**

conversant  *familiar* **con-ver-sant**

copious  *full,*
abounding **co-pi-ous**

corporal  *bodily, grass* **cor-po-ral**

corrosive ➞ *fretting,* **cor-ro-sive**

gnawing

credible ➞ *worthy of* **cred-i-ble**

credit

credulous ➞ *apt to* **cred-u-lous**

believe

critical  *of nice*

crit-i-cal

judgment

culical  *belonging to a*

cu-bi-cal

cube

culpable  *blameworthy*

cul-pa-ble

cumbersome  *troublesome*

cum-ber-some

cursory  *hasty, short* **cur-so-ry**

debonair  *courteous,* **deb-o-nair**

sprightly

decimal  *belonging to* **dec-i-mal**

ten

decisive ➞ *deciding,* **de-ci-sive**

determining

defective ➞ *wanting,* **de-fec-tive**

imperfect

definite ➞ *limited* **def-i-nite**

delicate ➞ *dainty, neat* **del-i-cate**

dependent ➞ *depending* de-pen-dent

desolate ➞ *uninhabited,* des-o-late

lonesome

desponding ➞ *despairing* de-spond-ing

despotic ➞ *arbitrary* des-pot-ic

destitute ➞ *forsaken* des-ti-tute

dexterous ✎ *cunning,*
skilful **dex-te-rous**

diffident ✎ *doubtful* **dif-fi-dent**

diffusive ✎ *spreading* **dif-fu-sive**

discordant ✎ *disagreeing* **dis-cor-dant**

dissolute ✎ *loose, wanton* **dis-so-lute**

dissonant ✎ *untunable,* **dis-so-nant**

jarring

dissuasive ✎ *apt to* **dis-sua-sive**

dissuade

diurnal ✎ *daily* **di-ur-nal**

docible ✎ *teachable* **doc-i-ble**

dogmatic  *positive* **dog-mat-ic**

dolorous  *sorrowful* **dol-o-rous**

domestic  *belonging to* **do-mes-tic**
home

dropsical  *subject to the* **drop-si-cal**
dropsy

dubious ➞ *doubtful* **du-bi-ous**

duplicate ➞ *double* **du-pli-cate**

durable ➞ *lasting* **du-ra-ble**

easterly ➞ *towards the* **east-er-ly**

east

eccentric ➡ *not having* **ec-cen-tric**

the same centre

edible ➡ *eatable* **ed-i-ble**

effective ➡ *which brings* **ef-fec-tive**

to pass

embossed  *raised with* **em-boss-ed**

knobs

emergent  *sudden,* **e-mer-gent**

accidental

eminent  *high,* **em-i-nent**

renowned

emulgent  *straking* e-mul-gent

enormous  *out of rule,* e-nor-mous
heinous

erratic  *wandering* er-rat-ic

eternal  *of infinite* e-ter-nal
duration

evasive ➞ *crafty, deceitful* e-va-sive

evident ➞ *clear, plain* ev-i-dent

exalted ➞ *lifted up,*
excellent ex-alt-ed

excellent ➞ *choice,*
valuable ex-cel-lent

excessive ➤ *beyond due* **ex-ces-sive**

bounds

exempted ➤ *privileged* **ex-empt-ed**

exotic ➤ *outlandish* **ex-o-tic**

expensive ➤ *chargeable,* **ex-pen-sive**

castly

explicit ➡ *clear, plain* **ex-pli-cit**

exquisite ➡ *exact,*
perfect **ex-qui-site**

extensive ➡ *wide* **ex-ten-sive**

external ➡ *outward* **ex-ter-nal**

extrinsic ➡ *on the outside* **ex-trin-sic**

fabulous ➞ *feigned*

fab-u-lous

factionous ➞ *seditions*

fac-ti-ous

fallible ➞ *that may err*

fal-li-ble

fantastic ➞ *whimsical*

fan-tas-tic

feasible ➞ *what is likely*
to be

fea-si-ble

feculent  *full of dregs* **fec-u-lent**

federal  *belonging to a* **fed-e-ral**
covenant

feminine  *of the* **fem-i-nine**
female kind

feverish  *tending to a* **fe-ver-ish**
fever

filial  *belonging to a* **fil-i-al**
son

finical  *affected,* **fin-i-cal**
foppish, fine

flatulent  *windy*

flat-u-lent

flexible  *easy to bend,*
pliant

flex-i-ble

flustered  *half-drunk*

flus-ter-ed

forcible  *strong,*
violent

for-ci-ble

fortunate ➞ *lucky,*

for-tu-nate

successful

frangible ➞ *what may*

fran-gi-ble

be broken

fraternal ➞ *brotherly*

fra-ter-nal

fraudulent ➡ *crafty,*
deceitful

fraud-u-lent

frivolous ➡ *of no*
account, silly

friv-o-lous

frivolous ➡ *full of*
mirth

fro-lic-some

fulminant ➞ *thundering* ful-mi-nant

furious ➞ *mad, fierce* fu-ri-ous

garrulous ➞ *full of talk* gar-ru-lous

generous ➞ *free, bountiful* gen-e-rous

genial  *joyful,* **ge-ni-al**
pertaining to marriage

genuine  *natural* **gen-u-ine**

gigantic  *giant-like* **gi-gan-tic**

globular  *round as a* **glob-u-lar**
globe

glorious ➤ *full of*
glory

glo-ri-ous

glutinous ➤ *clammy*

glu-ti-nous

gluttonous ➤ *greedy,*
devouring

glut-ton-ous

gorgeous ➤ *castly*

gor-ge-ous

gracious  *full of*

gra-ci-ous

grace

gradual  *by degrees*

grad-u-al

hallowed  *made holy*

hal-low-ed

hazardous  *dangerous*

haz-ar-dous

heroic  *valiant*

he-ro-ic

hideous  *frightful* **hid-e-ous**

horrible  *ghastly* **hor-ri-ble**

humorous  *full of add* **hu-mo-rous**

conceits

hydropic  *dropsical* **hy-drop-ic**