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Nouns of Four Syllables, Explained, E to O

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

Part III, Table VII: 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 VII. Nouns Substantive of four Syllables, accented and explained, E to O.

ebriety ➤ *drunkenness* e-bri-e-ty

edition ➤ *publication of*
a book e-di-ti-on

efficacy ➤ *force, virtue* ef-fi-ca-cy

effigies ➤ *image, likeness* ef-fi-gi-es

effusion ➤ *a pouring* ef-fu-si-on

out

emergency ➤ *casualty* e-mer-gen-cy

eminency ➤ *excellency* e-mi-nen-cy

emissary ➤ *a spy* e-mis-sa-ry

emotion ➤ *a moving* e-mo-ti-on

empyreum ➞ *the highest* em-py-re-um

heaven

encarium ➞ *commendation* en-co-mi-um

enormity ➞ *heinousness* e-nor-mi-ty

enthusiast ➞ *one who* en-thu-si-ast

fancies himself inspired

epicurism ➡ *gluttony* e-pi-cu-rism

Epiphany ➡ *the 12th*
day after Christmas E-pi-pha-ny

epitome ➡ *a short*
account e-pi-to-me

equality ➡ *likeness* e-qua-li-ty

equation  a making **e-qua-ti-on**

equal

erection  a raising **e-rec-ti-on**

upright

eruption  a breaking **e-rup-ti-on**

out

escutcheon  a coat of *es-cut-che-on*

arms

evasion  a shift or *e-v-a-si-on*

escape

eviction  a convincing *e-vic-ti-on*

exaction  *an unjust* **ex-ac-ti-on**

demand

excellency  *a title of* **ex-cel-len-cy**

honour

exclusion  *a shutting* **ex-clu-si-on**

out

excursion ➤ *a ramble* ex-cur-si-on

executor ➤ *one who* ex-e-cu-tor

executes a person's will

exemption ➤ *a* ex-emp-ti-on

privilege

exigency ➤ *need* ex-i-gen-cy

expansion  a

ex-pan-si-on

spreading abroad

extension  a stretching

ex-ten-si-on

out

extinction  a putting

ex-tinc-ti-on

out

extortion  *unlawful* **ex-tor-ti-on**

gain

extraction  *a drawing* **ex-trac-ti-on**

out

extrusion  *a driving* **ex-tru-si-on**

out

facility ➡ *easiness*

fa-ci-li-ty

February ➡ *the second*
month

Fe-bru-a-ry

fecundity ➡ *fruitfulness*

fe-cun-di-ty

ferocity ➡ *fierceness*

fe-ro-ci-ty

fertility ➡ *plentifulness*

fer-ti-li-ty

fidelity ➞ *faithfulness*

fi-de-li-ty

fixation ➞ *a fixing*

fix-a-ti-on

flatulency ➞ *windiness*

fla-tu-len-cy

fluidity ➞ *a flowing*

flu-i-di-ty

formality ➞ *ceremony*

for-ma-li-ty

formation ➡ *a*

for-ma-ti-on

fashioning

foundation ➡ *the*

foun-da-ti-on

lowest part

fragility ➡ *brittleness*

fra-gi-li-ty

fraternity ➡ *brotherhood*

fra-ter-ni-ty

fraudulency ➞ *deceitfulness* frau-len-cy de-ceit-ful-ness

frugality ➞ *thriftiness* fru-ga-li-ty thrif-ti-ness

fruition ➞ *enjoyment* fru-i-ti-on en-joy-ment

frustration ➞ *a* frus-tra-ti-on a
disappointing

fumidity ➞ *smokiness* fu-mi-di-ty smo-ki-ness

furiousness ➤ *madness* fu-ri-ous-ness

futurity ➤ *the time to*
come fu-tu-ri-ty

garrulity ➤ *talkativeness* gar-ru-li-ty

gelidity ➤ *coldness* ge-li-di-ty

gentility ➞ *good*

gen-ti-li-ty

breeding

geography ➞ *a*

ge-o-gra-phy

description of the earth

geometry  a science, **ge-o-me-try**
the measuring of lines and
figures

gibbosity  a lurching **gib-bo-si-ty**
out

gillyflower is a *July*
flower **gil-ly-flow-er**

gladiator is a *fencer* **gla-di-a-tor**

gradation is a *going*
step by step **gra-da-ti-on**

grammarian  a **gram-ma-ri-an**

teacher of grammar

gratuity  a reward **gra-tu-i-ty**

haberdasher  a seller **ha-ber-dash-er**

of small wares

habiliment  clothing **ha-bi-li-ment**

hilarity ➞ *cheerfulness* hi-la-ri-ty

homalogy ➞ *proportion,* ho-mo-lo-gy
likeness

hostility ➞ *open war* hos-ti-li-ty

humanity ➞ *courtesy* hu-ma-ni-ty

humidity ➞ *moisture* hu-mi-di-ty

hyperbole ➞ *an* **hy-per-bo-le**
expression beyond the truth

hypocrisy ➞ *deceit* **hy-po-cri-sy**

hypothesis ➞ *a* **hy-po-the-sis**
supposition

jactation ➤ *a vain*

jac-ta-ti-on

boasting

ichnography ➤ *a*

ich-no-gra-phy

ground plot

identity ➤ *sameness*

i-den-ti-ty

idiotism ➤ *simplicity*

i-di-o-tism

idolatry ➞ *idol worship* i-do-la-try

ignominy ➞ *dishonour,*
shame ig-no-mi-ny

illation ➞ *an inference* il-la-ti-on

illusion ➞ *sham or cheat* il-lu-si-on

immensity ➞ *boundlessness* im-men-si-ty

immunity ➞ *freedom* im-mu-ni-ty

imparity ➞ *inequality* im-pa-ri-ty

impediment ➞ *hindrance* im-pe-di-ment

impiety ➞ *ungodliness* im-pi-e-ty

impotency ➞ *weakness* im-po-ten-cy

impression ➞ *a stamp* im-pres-si-on

impravity ➡ *dishonesty* im-pro-bi-ty

impunity ➡ *freedom* im-pu-ni-ty
from punishment

inadvertence ➡ *heedlessness* in-ad-ver-tence

inanity ➡ *emptiness* in-a-ni-ty

incision ✎ a gash or **in-ci-si-on**

cut

incursion ✎ an inroad **in-cur-si-on**
of soldiers

indignity ✎ an affront **in-dig-ni-ty**

induction ➤ *an*

in-duc-ti-on

inference

inaptitude ➤ *unaptness*

in-ap-ti-tude

inferiars ➤ *persons of*
a lower rank

in-fe-ri-ors

infinity ➤ *endlessness*

in-fi-ni-ty

infirmary ➤ a house for sick in-fir-ma-ry

infirmity ➤ weakness in-fir-mi-ty

infusion ➤ a pouring in-fu-si-on

in

ingratitude ➤ unthankfulness in-gra-ti-tude

injection ➤ a casting in in-jec-ti-on

injunction ➤ a
command in-junc-ti-on

inquietude ➤ restlessness in-qui-e-tude

inscription ➤ a written
title in-scrip-ti-on

insertion ✎ *a putting* in-ser-ti-on

in

inspection ✎ *insight* in-spec-ti-on

integrity ✎ *honesty* in-te-gri-ty

intention ✎ *design* in-ten-ti-on

intrusion ➤ a thrusting in-tru-si-on

one's self into company

inversion ➤ a turning in-ver-si-on

laxation ➤ a loosening lax-a-ti-on

legality ➤ lawfulness le-ga-li-ty

legerdemain ➞ *sleight*
of hand le-ger-de-main

legislator ➞ *a lawgiver* le-gis-la-tor

licentiate ➞ *one who*
has a licence li-cen-ti-ate

limpidity ➞ *clearness* lim-pi-di-ty

lineament  *mark in* **li-ne-a-ment**

the form, feature

literature  *learning* **li-te-ra-ture**

locality  *the being of a* **lo-ca-li-ty**
thing in a place

logician ➞ *one who* lo-gi-ci-an

reasons well

longevity ➞ *long life* lon-ge-vi-ty

lubricity ➞ *slipperiness* lu-bri-ci-ty

magician ➞ *conjuror* ma-gi-ci-an

magistracy ➤ office of
a magistrate ma-gis-tra-cy

malignity ➤ ill-nature ma-lig-ni-ty

manifesto ➤ a
declaration ma-ni-fes-to

mathematics ➞ *the* ma-the-ma-tics

*science of numbers,
magnitude, &c.*

matrimony ➞ *marriage* ma-tri-mo-ny

maturity ➞ *ripeness* ma-tu-ri-ty

mayoralty  *office of a* **may-or-al-ty**

mayor

memorial  *that which* **me-mo-ri-al**

serves to bring to

remembrance

meridian  a circle on **me-ri-di-an**

the globe

misdemeanor  an **mis-de-mea-nor**

offence

monastery  a college **mo-nas-te-ry**

of monks

monition ➞ *a warning* mo-ni-ti-on

morality ➞ *virtue, duty* mo-ra-li-ty

mundanity ➞ *worldliness* mun-da-ni-ty

mutation ➞ *a changing* mu-ta-ti-on

narration ➞ *a relation* nar-ra-ti-on

nativity ➞ *birth* na-ti-vi-ty

naturalist ➤ *one skilled* na-tu-ra-list

in natural causes

necromancy ➤ *conjuring* ne-cro-man-cy

negation ➤ *a denying* ne-ga-ti-on

neutrality ➤ *indifference* neu-tra-li-ty

nictation ➞ *winking* **nic-ta-ti-on**

with the eye

nobility ➞ *nobleness of* **no-bi-li-ty**

birth

nonentity ➞ *a thing not* **non-en-ti-ty**

in being

nonresidence ✎ *failure* non-re-si-dence
of residence

nutrition ✎ *nourishment* nu-tri-ti-on

objection ✎ *a replying* ob-jec-ti-on
against

oblation ✎ *an offering* ob-la-ti-on

obliquity ➞ *croakedness* ob-li-qui-ty

oblivion ➞ *forgetfulness* ob-li-vi-on

obscurity ➞ *darkness,*
privacy ob-scu-ri-ty

obstinacy ➞ *stubbornness* ob-sti-na-cy

obstruction ➞ *hindrance* ob-struc-ti-on

economy  *family*

e-co-no-my

*government, good
management*

optation  *a desiring*

op-ta-ti-on

oration  *a public
speech*

o-ra-ti-on

oratory  the art of
eloquence

o-ra-to-ry

original  the first
beginning

o-ri-gi-nal

orthography  true
writing

or-tho-gra-phy