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Nouns of Four Syllables, Explained, P to V

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, P to V.

paralogism ➞ a false argument pa-ra-lo-gism

parsimony ➞ sparingness par-si-mo-ny

partition ➞ a division par-ti-ti-on

patrimony ➞ an inheritance pa-tri-mo-ny

patriotism  *love of*

pa-tri-o-tism

our country

parilion  *a tent of*

pa-vi-li-on

state

peninsula  *an half*

pe-nin-su-la

island

penultima ➞ the last
syllable but one

pe-nul-ti-ma

percussion ➞ a
striking

per-cus-si-on

perdition ➞ utter ruin

per-di-ti-on

perplexity ➞ doubtfulness

per-plex-i-ty

perseverance  *constancy*  per-se-ve-rance

perversion  *a*  per-ver-si-on

seducing from

petition  *a request*  pe-ti-ti-on

philology  *the study*  phi-lo-lo-gy
of languages

philosophy ➞ *the* **phi-lo-so-phy**
knowledge of natural and
moral things

phlebotomy ➞ *blood-letting* **phle-bo-to-my**

physician ➞ *a doctor* **phy-si-ci-an**
of physic

plantation  a

plan-ta-ti-on

settlement

plurality  more than

plu-ra-li-ty

one

poetaster  a sorry

po-e-tas-ter

poet

pollution  *uncleanness* **pol-lu-ti-on**

position  *place or*
situation **po-si-ti-on**

precaution  *forewarning,*
notice, &c. **pre-cau-ti-on**

precession  a going

pre-ces-si-on

before

prediction  a

pre-dic-ti-on

foretelling

predecessor  one

pre-de-ces-sor

who was in place before

preeminence  *advantage* pre-e-mi-nence

prerogative  *privilege* pre-ro-ga-tive

presbytery  *eldership* pres-by-te-ry

presumption  *boldness* pre-sump-ti-on

pretension  *claim* pre-ten-si-on

prevention  *hindrance* pre-ven-ti-on

probation ➞ *proof,*

pro-ba-ti-on

trial

procession ➞ *a solemn*

pro-ces-si-on

march

proclivity ➞ *prone*

pro-cli-vi-ty

ness
to a thing

procurator  a

pro-cu-ra-tor

solicitor

production  a

pro-duc-ti-on

bringing forth

profession  a calling

pro-fes-si-on

or trade

proficient ➤ *one who*
has made progress in any
art, &c. **pro-fi-ci-ent**

progression ➤ *a*
going forward **pro-gres-si-on**

prolixity ➤ *tediousness* **pro-lix-i-ty**

promontory  a **pro-mon-to-ry**

rising ground

promotion  *preferment* **pro-mo-ti-on**

propensity  *inclination* **pro-pen-si-ty**
of mind

propinquity  *nearness* **pro-pin-qui-ty**

proportion  *agreement* pro-por-ti-on

proprietor  *the* pro-pri-e-tor

proper owner

propriety  *fitness* pro-pri-e-ty

prosperity  *success,* pros-pe-ri-ty
happiness

protection ➞ *defence*

pro-tec-ti-on

protestantism ➞ *the*

pro-tes-tant-ism

religion of Protestants

protuberance ➞ *a*

pro-tu-be-rance

swelling out

provision ➞ *food*

pro-vi-si-on

proximity ➡ *nearness*

prox-i-mi-ty

pulsation ➡ *a beating*
of the pulse

pul-sa-ti-on

punctilio ➡ *a trifle*

punc-ti-li-o

purgation ➡ *a*
cleansing

pur-ga-ti-on

purgatory ➡ a place
of punishment

pur-ga-to-ry

quaternion ➡ the
number four

qua-ter-ni-on

quotation ➡ a quoting

quo-ta-ti-on

rapidity ➡ swiftness

ra-pi-di-ty

reality ➡ *the truth of a* re-a-li-ty

matter

receptacle ➡ *a storehouse* re-cep-ta-cle

reddition ➡ *a restoring* red-di-ti-on

again

redemption ➤ a *re-demp-ti-on*

ransoming

reduction ➤ a *re-duc-ti-on*

refection ➤ a *re-fec-ti-on*

refreshment

reflection ➤ *meditation* *re-flec-ti-on*

refraction ➤ *a bending* re-frac-ti-on

regulator ➤ *that which*
directs re-gu-la-tor

rejection ➤ *a casting off* re-jec-ti-on

reimbursement ➤ *a*
paying back re-im-burse-ment

relation ➡ *kindred, also* re-la-ti-on

a rehearsal or a likeness

religion ➡ *the worship of* re-li-gi-on
a God

remission ➡ *forgiveness* re-mis-si-on

repugnancy ➡ *reluctance* re-pug-nan-cy

restriction  *restraint* re-stric-ti-on

resumption  *a* re-sump-ti-on

resuming

retention  *a retaining* re-ten-ti-on

retortion  *a returning* re-tor-ti-on

back

reversion  *right of* **re-ver-si-on**

inheritance

reunion  *uniting again* **re-u-ni-on**

rogation  *an asking* **ro-ga-ti-on**

rotation  *a turning* **ro-ta-ti-on**

round

rotundity ↔ *roundness* ro-tun-di-ty

rusticity ↔ *clownishness* rus-ti-ci-ty

sagacity ↔ *sharpness of*
wit sa-ga-ci-ty

sanctimony ↔ *holiness* sanc-ti-mo-ny

satiety ↔ *fullness* sa-ti-e-ty

scrutation  a **scru-ta-ti-on**

searching

seclusion  a *shutting* **se-clu-si-on**

out

secretary  a *writer* **se-cre-ta-ry**

secretion  a *separating* **se-cre-ti-on**

security ➞ *safety*

se-cu-ri-ty

seduction ➞ *a*

se-duc-ti-on

misleading

semicircle ➞ *a half*

se-mi-cir-cle

circle

seminary ➞ *a nursery*

se-mi-na-ry

sensation ➞ a

sen-sa-ti-on

perceiving by sense

servility ➞ the condition
of slaves

ser-vi-li-ty

severity ➞ strictness

se-ve-ri-ty

similitude ➞ likeness

si-mi-li-tude

simplicity ✎ *honesty,* **sim-pli-ci-ty**
foolishness

sincerity ✎ *uprightness* **sin-ce-ri-ty**

sobriety ✎ *prudent* **so-bri-e-ty**
carriage

society ➞ *company,*

so-ci-e-ty

conversation

solemnity ➞ *a solemn*

so-lem-ni-ty

action

solidity ➞ *soundness,*

so-li-di-ty

hardness

soliloquy  a talking to
one's self

so-li-lo-quy

solution  a resolving a
question

so-lu-ti-on

sovereignty  supreme
power

so-ve-reign-ty

stability ➡ *firmness,*

sta-bi-li-ty

continuance

stationer ➡ *a seller of*

sta-tion-er

paper

statuary ➡ *a carver of*

sta-tu-a-ry

images

stolidity  *foolishness* **sto-li-di-ty**

stupidity  *dullness* **stu-pi-di-ty**

subjection  *dependence* **sub-jec-ti-on**

sublimity  *loftiness,*
height **sub-li-mi-ty**

submission ➡ *a*

sub-mis-si-on

yielding to

subtraction ➡ *a taking*

sub-trac-ti-on

one number from another

subversion ➡ *ruin,*

sub-ver-si-on

destruction

succession ➡ *a coming*

suc-ces-si-on

after

sudation ➡ *a sweating*

su-da-ti-on

suggestion ➡ *a putting*

sug-ges-ti-on

in mind

superstructure  *that* **su-per-struc-ture**
which is built upon
something

supervisor  *a* **su-per-vi-sor**
surveyor

suppression  a

sup-pres-si-on

putting a stop to

supremacy  chief

su-pre-ma-cy

authority

suspension  a ceasing

sus-pen-si-on

tarantula  a baneful ta-ran-tu-la

insect

tautology  a repeating tau-to-lo-gy

over again

taxation  a laying on tax-a-ti-on

of taxes

temerity ➞ *rashness* te-me-ri-ty

temperance ➞ *disposition* tem-pe-rance

temptation ➞ *enticement* temp-ta-ti-on

tenuity ➞ *smallness* te-nu-i-ty

territory ➞ *a country,*
district ter-ri-to-ry

theadolite  *an* the-o-do-lite

instrument for surveying
land

theology  *divinity* the-o-lo-gy

timidity  *fearfulness* ti-mi-di-ty

tradition ➞ *a delivering* tra-di-ti-on

down

traduction ➞ *a* tra-duc-ti-on

defaming

tranquillity ➞ *quietness* tran-quil-li-ty

of mind

transaction  *an* **tran-sac-ti-on**

action done

transcription  *a* **tran-scrip-ti-on**

writing over again

transfusion  *a* **trans-fu-si-on**

pouring out

transgression  a **trans-gres-si-on**

violation

transition  a *passing* **tran-si-ti-on**

from one to another

translation  a **trans-la-ti-on**

removing

trapezium ➞ a

tra-pe-zi-um

four-sided figure

tributary ➞ one that

tri-bu-ta-ry

pays tribute

trisyllable ➞ three

tri-syl-la-ble

syllables

tuition ➤ *care of* **tu-i-ti-on**

education

tumidity ➤ *a swelling* **tu-mi-di-ty**

vacation ➤ *being at* **va-ca-ti-on**

leisure

vacuity ➤ *emptiness* **va-cu-i-ty**

validity ➞ *strength,*

va-li-di-ty

power

ubiquity ➞ *a being in all*
places

u-bi-qui-ty

vegetables ➞ *plants,*
herbs, &c.

ve-ge-ta-bles

velocity ➡ *swiftness* **ve-lo-ci-ty**

veracity ➡ *speaking* **ve-ra-ci-ty**

truth

vermilion ➡ *a fine red* **ver-mi-li-on**

colour

versifier ➤ a maker of *verses* **ver-si-fi-er**

verses

viaticum ➤ a Papish *sacrament* for the sick **vi-a-ti-cum**

vibration ➤ a beating or *shaking* **vi-bra-ti-on**

vicinity ➞ *neighbourhood* vi-ci-ni-ty

vicissitude ➞ *change of things* vi-cis-si-tude

virtuoso ➞ *an ingenious person* vir-tu-o-so

vivacity ➞ *liveliness* vi-va-ci-ty

vocation ➞ *a calling,* **vo-ca-ti-on**

employ

volition ➞ *the act of* **vo-li-ti-on**

willing

urbanity ➞ *good* **ur-ba-ni-ty**

breeding

utility  *profit,*

u-ti-li-ty

usefulness