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Adjectives of Four Syllables, Explained, A to M

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

Part III, Table VIII: 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 VIII. Nouns Adjective of four Syllables, accented and explained, A to M.

abstemious  *saber,* ab-ste-mi-ous

temperate

accessible  *approachable* ac-ces-si-ble

accidental  *by chance* ac-ci-den-tal

accountable  *answering* ac-count-a-ble
for

adorable ✎ *worthy of* a-dor-a-ble

honour

ethereal ✎ *belonging to* e-the-re-al

the heavens

affirmative ✎ *positive* af-firm-a-tive

allowable ✎ *lawful* al-low-a-ble

alterative ➞ *changing* al-ter-a-tive

slowly

ambiguous ➞ *doubtful* am-big-u-ous

amiable ➞ *lovely* a-mi-a-ble

amicable ➞ *friendly* am-i-ca-ble

amphibious  *that lives* am-**phib-i-ous**

upon land and water

anonymous  *without* a-**non-y-mous**

name

antecedent  *going* an-**te-ce-dent**

before

antiquated  *grown* **an-ti-qua-ted**

out of date

applicable  *that may* **ap-pli-ca-ble**

be applied

arbitrary  *absolute,* **ar-bi-tra-ry**

free

articulate ➞ *distinct* **ar-tic-u-late**

assiduous ➞ *diligent* **as-sid-u-ous**

audacious ➞ *bold,*
daring **au-da-ci-ous**

auricular ➞ *belonging to*
the ear **au-ric-u-lar**

auspicious ➤ *happy,* **aus-pi-ci-ous**

prosperous

beatific ➤ *belonging to* **be-a-tif-ic**
the blessed

luminous ➤ *clammy* **bi-tu-mi-nous**

botanical  *belonging to* **bo-tan-i-cal**

herbs

cadaverous  *belonging* **ca-dav-e-rous**

to a carcass

canonical  *according* **ca-non-i-cal**
to the canons of the
Church

capacious  *large* **ca-pa-ci-ous**

carnivorous  *flesh-devouring* **car-ni-vor-ous**

chimerical  *imaginary* **chi-mer-i-cal**

circumjacent  *round* cir-cum-ja-cent

about

circumvagrant  *wandering* cir-cum-vagr-ant

about

coeternal  *equal in* co-e-ter-nal

eternity

coexistent  *being* **co-ex-ist-ent**

together

coincident  *concurrent* **co-in-ci-dent**

collateral  *not direct,* **col-lat-e-ral**

sideways

combustible  *apt to* **com-bus-ti-ble**

take fire

commodious  *convenient* **com-mo-di-ous**

comparative  *capable* **com-par-a-tive**

of comparison

compatible ➡ *that agrees* com-pat-i-ble

with another

compendious ➡ *very* com-pen-di-ous

brief

complicated ➡ *folded* com-pli-ca-ted

together

comprehensive  *containing*  com-pre-hen-sive

much

conspicuous  *easy to*  con-spic-u-ous

be seen

contiguous  *that is*  con-tig-u-ous

near

convivial  *social* **con-viv-i-al**

corporeal  *of a bodily*
substance **cor-po-re-al**

customary  *common* **cus-tom-a-ry**

cylindrical  *like a*
cylinder **cy-lin-dri-cal**

decennial  *of ten* de-cen-ni-al

years

declarative  *which* de-clar-a-tive

serves to declare

deducible  *that may be* de-du-ci-ble

inferred

deficient ➞ *wanting* de-fi-ci-ent

definitive ➞ *decisive,*
positive de-fin-i-tive

delectable ➞ *delightful* de-lec-ta-ble

deliberate ➞ *prudent,*
advised de-lib-e-rate

delicious  *pleasant to* de-li-ci-ous

the taste

delirious  *light-headed* de-lir-i-ous

deposited  *trusted with* de-pos-i-ted

determinate  *positive* de-ter-mi-nate

detestable  *vile, to be* **de-test-a-ble**

hated

dilatory  *full of* **dil-a-to-ry**

delays

disaffected  *not* **dis-af-fect-ed**

pleased with

distributive  *which* **dis-trib-u-tive**

serves to distribute

dissoluble  *which may* **dis-sol-u-ble**

be dissolved

divisible  *that may be* **di-vis-i-ble**

divided

dogmatical ➞ *positive* dog-mat-i-cal

effeminate ➞ *womanish* ef-fem-i-nate

egregious ➞ *singular,*
rare, great e-gre-gi-ous

elaborate ➞ *done with*
exactness e-lab-o-rate

elliptical  *belonging to* **el-lip-ti-cal**

an oval

episcopal  *belonging to* **e-pis-co-pal**

a bishop

equivalent  *of equal* **e-quiv-a-lent**

worth

erroneous  *full of*

er-ro-ne-ous

error

essential  *necessary*

es-sen-ti-al

execrable  *hateful,*

ex-e-cra-ble

accursed

exorbitant  *extravagant*

ex-or-bi-tant

expedient ➤ *necessary* ex-pe-di-ent

extempore ➤ *without*
study ex-tem-po-re

facetious ➤ *pleasant,*
witty fa-ce-ti-ous

fallacious ➤ *deceitful* fal-la-ci-ous

familiar ➡ free

fa-mil-i-ar

fictitious ➡ feigned,
counterfeit

fic-ti-ti-ous

figurative ➡ spoken
by figures

fig-u-ra-tive

formidable ➡ dreadful

for-mi-da-ble

fortuitous ➞ *accidental* for-tu-i-tous

fundamental ➞ *principal* fun-da-men-tal

generated ➞ *begotten,*
produced gen-e-ra-ted

granivorous ➞ *feeding* gra-niv-o-rous
on grain

habitable ➤ *that may be* hab-it-a-ble

dwelt in

habitual ➤ *customary* ha-bit-u-al

harmonious ➤ *agreeable* har-mo-ni-ous

heretical ➤ *not* he-ret-i-cal

confirmed in the true faith

heterodox  *differing* **het-e-ro-dox**
from the general opinion

historical  *belonging to* **his-tor-i-cal**
history

honorary  *belonging to* **hon-o-ra-ry**
honour

horizontal  *level* hor-i-zon-tal

hospitable  *friendly* hos-pi-ta-ble

hydropical  *troubled*
with a dropsy hy-drop-i-cal

illiberal  *niggardly* il-lib-e-ral

illiterate  *unlearned* il-lit-e-rate

illustrious ✎ *noble,* **il-lus-tri-ous**

renowned

imitable ✎ *which may be* **im-i-ta-ble**

imitated

immoderate ✎ *excessive* **im-mod-e-rate**

immutable ✎ *unchangeable* **im-mu-ta-ble**

impartial  *just, equal* im-par-ti-al

impassable  *not to be* im-pass-a-ble
passed

impatient  *hasty* im-pa-ti-ent

impenitent  *not* im-pen-i-tent
repenting

imperial  *belonging to* im-pe-ri-al

an empire

imperious  *haughty,* im-pe-ri-ous

proud

impertinent  *silly,* im-per-ti-nent

troublesome

impetuous  *violent* im-pet-u-ous

implacable  *not to be* im-pla-ca-ble

appeased

importunate  *troublesome* im-por-tu-nate

impregnable  *not to* im-preg-na-ble

be taken

improbable  *unlikely* im-prob-a-ble

improvident  *careless* im-prov-i-dent

inanimate  *without life* in-an-i-mate

incoherent  *not* in-co-he-rent

agreeing

incompetent  *not fit* in-com-pe-tent

incongruous ✎ *unsuitable* in-con-gru-ous

inconsistent ✎ *not* in-con-sist-ent

suiting

incredible ✎ *beyond* in-cred-i-ble

belief

inculpable ✎ *unblamable* in-cul-pa-ble

indelible ✎ *not to be* in-del-i-ble

blotted out

independent ✎ *not* in-de-pend-ent

depending

indifferent ✎ *unconcerned* in-dif-fe-rent

indurated ✎ *made hard* in-du-ra-ted

industrious  *diligent* in-dus-tri-ous

ineffable  *unspeakable* in-ef-fa-ble

infallible  *that cannot* in-fal-li-ble

err

infectious  *apt to* in-fec-ti-ous

infect

inflexible  *not to be* **in-flex-i-ble**

bent

ingenious  *sharp,* **in-ge-ni-ous**

witty

ingenuous  *free,* **in-gen-u-ous**

sincere

inglorious ✎ *dishonourable* in-glo-ri-ous

initial ✎ *the first of all* in-i-ti-al

injurious ✎ *hurtful* in-ju-ri-ous

inoffensive ✎ *harmless* in-of-fen-sive

insatiate ✎ *unsatisfied* in-sa-ti-ate

insidious ✎ *treacherous* in-sid-i-ous

intelligent  *understanding* in-tel-li-gent

intemperate  *immoderate* in-tem-pe-rate

intermural  *between* in-ter-mu-ral
two walls

intractable  *ungovernable* in-trac-ta-ble

invidious  *envious* in-vid-i-ous

invincible ✎ *not to be* in-vin-ci-ble

overcame

ironical ✎ *sneering* i-ron-i-cal

irresolute ✎ *unresolved* ir-res-o-lute

irreverent ✎ *unmannerly* ir-rev-e-rent

judicious ✎ *wise,*

ju-di-ci-ous

discreet

laborious ✎ *painful*

la-bo-ri-ous

legitimate ✎ *born in*

le-git-i-mate

wedlock

licentious ➤ *rude,* **li-cen-ti-ous**

disorderly

litigious ➤ *quarrelsome* **li-ti-gi-ous**

loquacious ➤ *full of* **lo-qua-ci-ous**
talk

luxuriant  *wanton,* lux-u-ri-ant

abounding

magnanimous  *courageous* mag-nan-i-mous

magnificent  *stately* mag-nif-i-cent

malevolent  *full of* ma-lev-o-lent
hatred

malicious  *spiteful* **ma-li-ci-ous**

material  *momentous* **ma-te-ri-al**

mechanical  *relative to* **me-chan-i-cal**

mechanics

meditative  *thoughtful* **med-i-ta-tive**

melancholy  *sad,* mel-an-cho-ly

pensive

mercenary  *greedy of* mer-ce-na-ry

gain

methodical  *agreeable* me-thod-i-cal

to method

military ➞ *warlike* mil-i-ta-ry

miraculous ➞ *wonderful* mi-rac-u-lous

martiferous ➞ *deadly* mor-tif-e-rous

munificent ➞ *bounteous* mu-nif-i-cent