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Adjectives of Four Syllables, Explained, N to W, and Verbs of Four Syllables

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

Part III, Table VIII and IX: 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, N to W.

navigable  *fit far* **nav-i-ga-ble**
ships

necessitous  *needy* **ne-ces-si-tous**

notorious  *publicly* **no-to-ri-ous**
known

nugatory ➤ *trifling,* *futile* **nu-ga-to-ry**

numerical ➤ *denoting* **nu-mer-i-cal**
numbers

obedient ➤ *submissive* **o-be-di-ent**

obnoxious ➤ *subject to* ob-nox-i-ous

punishment

obsequious ➤ *dutiful* ob-se-qui-ous

octangular ➤ *having 8* oc-tan-gu-lar

angles

officious ➤ *over-forward* of-fi-ci-ous

omnipotent  *all-powerful* om-nip-o-tent

omnipresent  *everywhere* om-ni-pres-ent

present

omniscient  *all-knowing* om-nis-ci-ent

ordinary  *common* or-di-na-ry

oriental  *eastern* o-ri-en-tal

outrageous  *fierce,*

out-ra-ge-ous

violent

palatable  *pleasant*

pal-at-a-ble

to the taste

parochial  *of a*

pa-ro-chi-al

parish

particular  *proper,* par-tic-u-lar

peculiar

parturient  *ready to* par-tu-ri-ent

bring forth

peculiar  *particular,* pe-cu-li-ar

singular

penurious  *niggardly,* pe-nu-ri-ous

caretous

peremptory  *absolute,* per-emp-to-ry

positive

perfidious  *false,* per-fid-i-ous

treacherous

pernicious ➡ *hurtful* per-ni-ci-ous

perpetual ➡ *everlasting* per-pet-u-al

perspicuous ➡ *clear,*
plain per-spic-u-ous

political ➡ *belonging to*
government po-lit-i-cal

pontifical  *pope-like*

pon-tif-i-cal

posterior  *latter*

pos-te-ri-or

potential  *powerful*

po-ten-ti-al

practicable  *that*

prac-ti-ca-ble

may be practised

precarious  *uncertain*

pre-ca-ri-ous

precipitate  *over*

pre-cip-i-tate

hasty

predominant  *ruling*

pre-dom-i-nant

over

preexistent  *being*

pre-ex-ist-ent

before

preferable  *that is to* pref-e-ra-ble
be preferred before another

preparative  *which* pre-par-a-tive
serves to prepare

preposterous  *absurd* pre-pos-te-rous

prodigious  *wonderful* pro-di-gi-ous

promiscuous  *confused* pro-mis-cu-ous

prophetical  *belonging* pro-phet-i-cal
to a prophet

propitious  *favourable* pro-pi-ti-ous

provincial  *of a* pro-vin-ci-al
province

prudential ➞ *wise* pru-den-ti-al

quadrennial ➞ *four*
years quad-ren-ni-al

quotidian ➞ *daily* quo-tid-i-an

rapacious ➞ *ravenous* ra-pa-ci-ous

rational ➞ *reasonable* ra-ti-o-nal

rebellious ➞ *disobedient* re-bel-li-ous

reciprocal ➞ *mutual* re-cip-ro-cal

refractory ➞ *unruly,*
headstrong re-frac-to-ry

regenerate ➞ *born*
again re-gen-e-rate

remarkable  *worthy* re-mark-a-ble

of note

reputable  *of good* rep-u-ta-ble

repute

responsible  *able,* re-spon-si-ble

answerable

restorative  *of a*
strengthening nature **re-stor-a-tive**

revocable  *that may be*
repealed **rev-o-ca-ble**

rhetorical  *eloquent* **rhe-tor-i-cal**

sacramental  *belonging* sac-ra-men-tal

to the sacrament

salubrious  *healthful* sa-lu-bri-ous

satirical  *sharp, severe* sa-tir-i-cal

schismatical  *guilty* schis-mat-i-cal

of separation

seasonable  *done in* **sea-son-a-ble**

season

sedentary  *sitting* **sed-en-ta-ry**

sedition  *factions* **se-di-ti-ous**

sententious  *full of* **sen-ten-ti-ous**
pithy sentences

separable  *that may be* **sep-a-ra-ble**

separated

septennial  *of seven* **sep-ten-ni-al**

years

sexennial  *of six* **sex-en-ni-al**

years

sidereal ➡ *starry* si-de-re-al

significant ➡ *clear,*
expressive sig-nif-i-cant

sociable ➡ *friendly* so-ci-a-ble

solicitous ➡ *full of care* so-lic-i-tous

solitary ➡ *lonesome* sol-i-ta-ry

sophistical ➞ *captious,*
deceitful

so-ph-is-ti-cal

spiritual ➞ *divine*

spir-it-u-al

spontaneous ➞ *free,*
voluntary

sp-on-ta-ne-ous

subordinate ➞ *inferior*

sub-or-di-nate

subservient  *helpful* **sub-ser-vi-ent**

substantial  *solid,* **sub-stan-ti-al**

wealthy

sufficient  *enough,* **suf-fi-ci-ent**

capable

sulphureous  *full of* **sul-phu-re-ous**

brimstone

superior  *uppermost,* **su-pe-ri-or**

chief

susceptible  *capable of* **sus-cep-ti-ble**

any impression

suspicious ➡ *distrustful* sus-pi-ci-ous

symbolical ➡ *of the*
nature of a sign sym-bol-i-cal

sympathetic ➡ *pertaining*
to sympathy sym-pa-thet-ic

synonymous  *of the*

sy-non-y-mous

same signification

tempestuous  *stormy*

tem-pes-tu-ous

temporary  *for a*

tem-po-ra-ry

time

tenacious  *holding* **te-na-ci-ous**

fast

terrestrial  *earthly* **ter-res-tri-al**

theatrical  *belonging to* **the-at-ri-cal**

a stage

tolerable ➞ *that may be* **tol-e-ra-ble**

endured

transfigured ➞ *changed* **trans-fig-u-red**

triangular ➞ *belonging* **tri-an-gu-lar**

to, or in the form of a
triangle

triennial  of three tri-en-ni-al

years

tumultuous  riotous tu-mul-tu-ous

tyrannical  tyrant-like ty-ran-ni-cal

valuable  of great val-u-a-ble

price

variable ➞ *changeable* **va-ri-a-ble**

vegetative ➞ *belonging*
to vegetables **veg-e-ta-tive**

venerable ➞ *worthy of*
reverence **ven-e-ra-ble**

vernacular ➞ *natural* **ver-nac-u-lar**

vertiginous  *giddy* **ver-tig-i-nous**

vexatious  *troublesome* **vex-a-ti-ous**

vindictive  *belonging* **vin-dic-a-tive**
to an apology or defence

unanimous  *of one* **u-nan-i-mous**
mind

universal  *general* **u-ni-ver-sal**

univocal  *of one voice* **u-niv-o-cal**

unscriptural  *not* **un-scrip-tu-ral**
according to Scripture

untenable  *not to be* **un-ten-a-ble**
held by a tenant

voluntary  *free* **vol-un-ta-ry**

voracious  *greedy* **vo-ra-ci-ous**

vulnerable  *that may* **vul-ne-ra-ble**
be wounded

uxorious  *over fond* **ux-o-ri-ous**
of a wife

warrantable  *justifiable* **war-rant-a-ble**

Part III, Table IX. Verbs of four Syllables, accented and explained.

abbreviate  *to make*

ab-bre-vi-ate

short

abominate  *to abhor*

a-bom-i-nate

accelerate  *to put*

ac-cel-e-rate

forward

administer  to add or **ad-min-is-ter**

give to

adulterate  to forge **a-dul-te-rate**
or corrupt

alienate  to estrange **a-li-en-ate**
from

alleviate  to ease or

al-le-vi-ate

assuage

annihilate  to bring to

an-ni-hi-late

nothing

anticipate  to foresee

an-tic-i-pate

appropriate  *to claim* **ap-pro-pri-ate**

to oneself, or turn to one's

own use

assimilate  *to* **as-sim-u-late**

counterfeit

associate  *to join* as-so-ci-ate

with

calumniate  *to slander* ca-lum-ni-ate

capacitate  *to make* ca-pac-i-tate

capable

capitulate  to come to

ca-pit-u-late

terms

characterize  to

char-ac-ter-ize

describe

coagulate  to congeal

co-ag-u-late

commemorate  *to* com-mem-o-rate

celebrate

commiserate  *to take* com-mis-e-rate

pity on

conciliate  *to reconcile* con-cil-i-ate

confederate  *to join* **con-fed-e-rate**

together

congratulate  *to* **con-grat-u-late**

rejoice with

cooperate  *to work* **co-op-e-rate**

together

corroborate  to

cor-rob-o-rate

strengthen

debilitate  to *weaken*

de-bil-i-tate

degenerate  to *grow*

de-gen-e-rate

worse

denominate  to *give* de-nom-i-nate

name to

denunciate  to de-nun-ci-ate

denounce

depopulate  to de-pop-u-late

unpeople or spail

depreciate  to **de-pre-ci-ate**

undervalue

dilucidate  to make **di-lu-ci-date**

clear

discontinue  to leave **dis-con-tin-ue**

off

discriminate  *to* **dis-crim-i-nate**

distinguish

dissatisfy  *to displease* **dis-sat-is-fy**

diversify  *to make* **di-ver-si-fy**
different

enumerate  *to reckon* **e-nu-me-rate**

up

evacuate  *to empty* **e-vac-u-ate**

evaporate  *to breathe* **e-vap-o-rate**

out

exhilarate  *to make*

ex-hil-a-rate

cheerful

extenuate  *to mitigate*

ex-ten-u-ate

illuminate  *to*

il-lu-mi-nate

enlighten

inaugurate ➞ *to invest,* in-au-gu-rate

or install

incorporate ➞ *to mix* in-cor-po-rate

together

inebriate ➞ *to make* in-e-bri-ate

drunk

infatuate  *to bewitch*

in-fat-u-ate

ingeminate  *to*

in-gem-i-nate

redouble

ingratiate  *to get into*

in-gra-ti-ate

favour

inoculate  *to engraft*

in-oc-u-late

insinuate  to give a **in-sin-u-ate**

hint of

intoxicate  to make **in-tox-i-cate**

drunk

invalidate  to make **in-val-i-date**

void

meliorate  to make **me-li-o-rate**

better

monopolize  to **mo-nop-o-lize**

*engrass a commodity to
oneself*

necessitate  to force **ne-ces-si-tate**

negotiate  *to traffic*

ne-go-ti-ate

obliterate  *to blot out*

ob-lit-e-rate

predestinate  *to*

pre-des-ti-nate

decree or ordain beforehand

premeditate  *to*

pre-med-i-tate

contrive beforehand

preponderate  to

pre-pon-de-rate

outweigh

prevaricate  to

pre-var-i-cate

shuffle, to act deceitfully

prognosticate  to

prog-nos-ti-cate

foretell

reedyfy  *to build again* re-ed-i-fy

remunerate  *to* re-mu-ne-rate

recompense

reverberate  *to beat* re-ver-be-rate

back