PRIMER TIME

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A host of clues makes up this quiz (Deep myst'ry here for you to ponder); Each one defines a word, that's sure, And all together form a wonder. A pattern clear, arranged in order, The key, once found, is simon-pure; Letters three will be a whiz, But letters two will cut asunder.

Chinese pagoda
Archery protector
Touch prefix
Small child
Scotch toe
To have with E *
Fly part
Unconcerned exclamation *
Japanese porgy
Dervishes coned cap
Take in Scotland
Clap hands to music
Cap with tassel

Gypsy tent Peasant in Manila Liquid hole Put lid on total acceptance # Lute for seaman? Several of one of tetrachord False die Nineteenth in Athens Jewish four hundred Foreign letter Task or duty Tie variant Obsolete thong whip *

All words are taken from Webster's Second Unabridged except * (from the Oxford English Dictionary) and # (from Webster's Third). The solution can be found in Answers and Solutions.