brig·and

 ***noun*** \ˈbri-gənd\

: a robber who travels with others in a group

con·temp·tu·ous

 ***adjective*** \kən-ˈtem(p)-chə-wəs, -chəs, -shwəs, -chü-əs\

: feeling or showing deep hatred or disapproval : feeling or showing contempt

cos·mo·pol·i·tan

 ***noun*** \ˌkäz-mə-ˈpä-lə-tən\

: a person who has lived in and knows about many different parts of the world

carte blanche

 ***noun*** \ˈkärt-ˈbläⁿsh, -ˈblänch\

: permission to do something in any way you choose to do it

in·ter·loc·u·tor

 ***noun*** \ˌin-tər-ˈlä-kyə-tər\

: a person who is having a conversation with you

non·cha·lant

 ***adjective*** \ˌnän-shə-ˈlänt; ˈnän-shə-ˌlänt, -lənt\

: relaxed and calm in a way that shows that you do not care or are not worried about anything

soph·ist·ry

 ***noun*** \ˈsä-fə-strē\

: the use of reasoning or arguments that sound correct but are actually false

: a reason or argument that sounds correct but is actually false

don·ny·brook

 ***noun***, ***often capitalized*** \ˈdä-nē-ˌbru̇k\

: a public argument

: an uncontrolled fight

meta·mor·pho·sis

 ***noun*** \ˌme-tə-ˈmȯr-fə-səs\

: a major change in the appearance or character of someone or something

*biology* : a major change in the form or structure of some animals or insects that happens as the animal or insect becomes an adult

in·can·ta·tion

 ***noun*** \ˌin-ˌkan-ˈtā-shən\

: a series of words used to make something magic happen

no·men·cla·ture

 ***noun*** \ˈnō-mən-ˌklā-chər ***also***nō-ˈmen-klə-ˌchu̇r, -ˈmeŋ-, -chər, -ˌtyu̇r, -ˌtu̇r\

: a system of names for things especially in science

rife

 ***adjective*** \ˈrīf\

: very common and often bad or unpleasant

pro·crus·te·an

 ***adjective***, ***often capitalized***\prə-ˈkrəs-tē-ən, prō-\

marked by arbitrary often ruthless disregard of individual differences or special circumstances

sty·gian

 ***adjective***, ***often capitalized*** \ˈsti-j(ē-)ən\

 extremely dark, gloomy, or forbidding <the stygian blackness of the cave>

ves·tige

 ***noun*** \ˈves-tij\

: the last small part that remains of something that existed before

: the smallest possible amount of something