brilliant

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈbrɪljənt/

Shining very brightly. It can also mean extremely clever or excellent.

> *“The sun blooms on the horizon, golden petals stretching ever outwards into the rich blue. It is the brilliant flower of the sky that warms our days.”*

chassis

(formal)

Say it: /ˈʃæsi/

The strong base frame of a vehicle, such as a train, a car or a lorry, that the wheels and body are fixed to.

> *“Uphill or down, easy plains or rocky screes, wheels turned. Its chassis, water freckled during the starlit hours, soon dried to a glossy sheen.”*

dusk

(everyday)

Say it: /dʌsk/

The time in the evening just after the sun has set, when the sky is still a little light but getting dark.

> *“The dusk comes as a promise of starlight, of those brilliant pearls of the nighttime that sit as if cushioned upon pure black velvet.”*

evergreens

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈɛvəgriːnz/

Trees or shrubs that keep their leaves green all year round.

> *“From birdsong to the whisper of evergreens, the air’s ambiance came as a soul-wink.”*

heather

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈhɛðə/

A low, spiky evergreen plant with small purple, pink or white flowers that grows on hills and moors. It is also the name of a purple colour with a tint of pink and blue.

> *“Sunset came to the highlands as God's poetry, hues from flame to heather told in soft rolling verse.”*

horizon

(everyday)

Say it: /həˈraɪzən/

The line in the far distance where the sky seems to meet the land or the sea.

> *“The sun blooms on the horizon,*
> *golden petals stretching ever*
> *outwards into the rich blue.”*

illuminated

(formal)

Say it: /ɪˈl(j)uːmɪneɪtɪd/

Lit up; filled with light.

> *“The sunrise illuminated the blue as if it were igniting the most perfect flame.”*

migrating

(everyday)

Say it: /maɪˈgreɪtɪŋ/

Moving from one region to another at certain times of the year, as many birds do.

> *“Passed blushed mirror lakes of migrating geese, it was industrial hour’s poetry and great onward ballad.”*

mischief

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈmɪstʃɪf/

Playful behaviour that causes small, harmless trouble.

“Mischief was in the air.”

momentary

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈməʊmənt(ə)ri/

Lasting for only a moment.

> *“Tara, finding momentary peace in a trance, watched the rain-drops on the window, allowing the sound to massage her mind.”*

monochrome

(formal)

Say it: /ˈmɒnəkrəʊm/

Made of just one colour, or of shades of a single colour.

> *“Yes, moonbeams swirled as a lit gulf stream, one that owned both oceanic air and breeze. As anti-shadow, as waves sang their soft lullaby, these rays bequeathed a golden monochrome: redrawing edges, reviving sight.”*

moonlight

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈmuːnlaɪt/

The light from the Moon, which is really sunlight bouncing off it.

> *“Dusk comes to bring us moonlight, to the time of reflection upon the day passed and awaiting day to be renewed by the light of the sun.”*

nightfall

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈnaɪtfɔːl/

The time of day when night begins and it grows dark.

> *“Then chitter, chatter it went on, threading through all the land. It was this way at nightfall, ne’er ceasing until just ere dawn.”*

prairies

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈpreəriz/

Wide stretches of flat grassland with few or no trees, especially in North America.

> *“Through wide prairies and mountain passes same, it took the grandest of landscapes, in easy stride.”*

reflection

(everyday)

Say it: /rɪˈflɛkʃən/

An image or light thrown back from a shiny surface such as water, glass or a mirror. It can also mean careful thinking.

> *“The nearest curves of chairs and tables glowed in warmest reflection, as their far sides made the most gentle of shadows.”*

silhouette

(everyday)

Say it: /ˌsɪluˈɛt/

The dark shape or outline of someone or something seen against a lighter background, with no detail inside it.

> *“Before this rising sun I may be only a silhouette, yet as its rays, golden and strong, touch my skin, I will be every colour I was born to radiate.”*

solemnity

(formal)

Say it: /səˈlɛmnɪti/

A deeply serious, quiet and respectful feeling or manner.

> *“Each hue deepens in noble solemnity, finding unity in the night.”*

starlit

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈstɑːlɪt/

Lit by the light of the stars.

> *“Sun rays come as nature's easel, giving brilliant colour to what was hidden even under the passing starlit night.”*

sunlight

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈsʌnlaɪt/

The light and warmth that come from the Sun.

> *“Dawn brings a sunlight crown,*
> *smiling upward at black heavens,*
> *feeling how the passing night*
> *welcomes her more with each minute*
> *and hour.”*

tangerine

(everyday)

Say it: /ˈtændʒəˌriːn/

A deep yellowish-orange colour, like the skin of the small sweet citrus fruit of the same name.

> *“Above those tangerine mountains, kissed to their heady blush by the sun, were clouds that moved in shoals.”*