A capella – without instrumental accompaniment

Barrio – a ward, quarter, or district of a city or town in a Spanish-speaking country

Beignet – a light square doughnut usually sprinkled with powdered sugar

Bluetick hound – a coonhound originating in the United States, known for its friendly persona, cold nose and deep bawl mouth. It is commonly used as a raccoon hunting dog, but may also be kept as a pet.

Catatonic – characterized by a marked lack of movement, activity, or expression

Chancery – a record office for public archives or those of ecclesiastical, legal, or diplomatic proceedings

French door – A door, usually one pair, of light construction with glass panes extending for most of its length.

Plat – noun - a plan, map, or chart of a piece of land with actual or proposed features, or the land represented.

Plat – verb – to make a plat of

Schlep – drag, haul

Thermite – a mixture of aluminum powder and a metal oxide that when ignited evolves a great deal of heat and is used in welding and in incendiary bombs

Trusty – a convict considered trustworthy and allowed special privileges