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Session 1: Word List

snorkel

n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water

synonym: tube, breather

(1) **snorkel** gear, (2) scuba **snorkel**

The **snorkel** rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym: rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

naturalism

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

dragonfly

n. a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest

(1) **dragonfly** passing over the water, (2) **dragonfly** larva
I caught a rare **dragonfly** in the mountains.

scarlet

n. a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red

synonym: crimson, ruby, vermilion

(1) **scarlet** petals, (2) **scarlet** lipstick

She wore a **scarlet** dress to the party, making her stand out in the crowd.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym: caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym: insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

skim

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

synonym : glance, scan, skitter

(1) **skim** off the top, (2) **skim** the surface of the water

I like to **skim** the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

glider

n. a light aircraft or small, unpowered plane that is designed to glide and soar through the air using natural winds and or thermal currents

synonym : sailplane, soaring bird

(1) **glider** club, (2) paper- **glider**

The hang- **glider** enthusiast looked at the clear skies, anticipating a perfect day to take flight.

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good

synonym : average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym : prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

soak

v. to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym : saturate, steep, douse

(1) **soak** in a hot spring, (2) **soak** away stress

I **soaked** the shirt in the sink before washing it.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

invariably

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

synonym : consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

archipelago

n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

synonym: group of islands, island chain

(1) tropical **archipelago**, (2) volcanic **archipelago**

The Philippines is an **archipelago** made up of over 7,000 islands.

outermost

adj. farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something

synonym: outer, extreme, farthest

(1) **outermost** boundary, (2) **outermost** shell

The **outermost** layer of the planet's atmosphere is extremely thin.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

transect

v. to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study

synonym: intersect, divide, bisect

(1) **transect** a forest, (2) **transect** the area

The new highway will **transect** the wilderness, potentially disrupting local wildlife.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

swoosh

v. to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air

synonym: whoosh, swish, sweep

(1) **swoosh** sound, (2) **swoosh** through the tall trees

The basketball **swooshed** into the net, signaling the end of the game.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

evaporation

n. the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

synonym: vaporization, dehydration, desiccation

(1) **evaporation** cooling, (2) slow **evaporation**

The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of **evaporation** and condensation

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

convect

v. to transfer heat or energy through a fluid, typically by means of currents; to cause something to rise or move by means of heat or fluid motion

synonym : move, circulate, transport

(1) **convect** fluid, (2) **convect** air

The storm clouds **convected** heat energy and caused a thunderstorm.

convergent

adj. tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge

synonym : merging, meeting

(1) **convergent** beam, (2) **convergent** thinking

The similarities between the two cultures suggest **convergent** evolution.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

synonym : ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

transoceanic

adj. relating to or crossing an ocean or oceans

synonym : interoceanic, transatlantic, transpacific

(1) **transoceanic** cable, (2) **transoceanic** communication

The **transoceanic** flight took over 12 hours to complete.

percolate

v. to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker

synonym : filter, strain, drip

(1) **percolate** around the web, (2) **percolate** through the whole industry

The coffee slowly **percolated** through the filter and into the cup.

falcon

n. a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight

synonym : hawk, eagle, kestrel

(1) **falcon** feathers, (2) peregrine **falcon**

The **falcon's** keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.

refuel

v. to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.

(1) **refuel** air-to-air, (2) **refuel** bombers in flight

Our plane stopped in the country to **refuel**.

pie

adj. having two or more different colors, usually black and white

synonym : blotchy, marked, multi-colored

(1) **pie** stallion, (2) **pie** daisies

Foxes with reduced aggression have outer characteristics such as **pie** fur, curly tails, and lop-ears.

cuckoo

n. a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish

synonym : loony, nut, madcap

(1) **cuckoo** clock, (2) **cuckoo** in the nest

The **cuckoo** bird's call echoed through the forest.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mo ____ to bite | <i>n.</i> a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 2. a w __ t of summons | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 3. a sw __ m of mosquitoes | <i>n.</i> a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground |
| 4. p __ d stallion | <i>adj.</i> having two or more different colors, usually black and white |
| 5. ou _____ st boundary | <i>adj.</i> farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something |
| 6. nat _____ sm in literature | <i>n.</i> a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws |
| 7. prophet of d __ m | <i>n.</i> death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided |
| 8. con _____ nt beam | <i>adj.</i> tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge |
| 9. hu _____ g bird | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee |

ANSWERS: 1. mosquito, 2. writ, 3. swarm, 4. pied, 5. outermost, 6. naturalism, 7. doom, 8. convergent, 9. humming

10. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
11. tr____ct a forest *v.* to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study
12. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
13. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
14. dr_____ly passing over the water *n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
15. s__m off the top *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
16. p__d daisies *adj.* having two or more different colors, usually black and white
17. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
18. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
19. co____t fluid *v.* to transfer heat or energy through a fluid, typically by means of currents; to cause something to rise or move by means of heat or fluid motion

ANSWERS: 10. swarm, 11. transect, 12. rainwater, 13. hatch, 14. dragonfly, 15. skim, 16. pied, 17. quitter, 18. doom, 19. convect

20. cu___o clock *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
21. slow eva_____on *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
22. s__k away stress *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
23. tra_____nic cable *adj.* relating to or crossing an ocean or oceans
24. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
25. a me_____re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
26. cholera-en_____c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
27. sc_____t petals *n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
28. do_____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
29. tra_____nic communication *adj.* relating to or crossing an ocean or oceans
30. mo_____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

ANSWERS: 20. cuckoo, 21. evaporation, 22. soak, 23. transoceanic, 24. converge, 25. mediocre, 26. endemic, 27. scarlet, 28. dolphin, 29. transoceanic, 30. monarch

31. pe_____te through the whole industry *v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker
32. dr_____ly larva *n.* a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest
33. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
34. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
35. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
36. cu___o in the nest *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
37. philosophical nat_____sm *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
38. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
39. s__k in a hot spring *v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
40. eva_____on cooling *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

ANSWERS: 31. percolate, 32. dragonfly, 33. converge, 34. writ, 35. larva, 36. cuckoo, 37. naturalism, 38. stumble, 39. soak, 40. evaporation

41. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
42. do____n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
43. tropical arc____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
44. inv____ly polite *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
45. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. cen____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
47. volcanic arc____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
48. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
49. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
50. con____nt thinking *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
51. s__m the surface of the water *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

ANSWERS: 41. humming, 42. dolphin, 43. archipelago, 44. invariably, 45. opportune, 46. centimeter, 47. archipelago, 48. doe, 49. doe, 50. convergent, 51. skim

52. co____t air *v.* to transfer heat or energy through a fluid, typically by means of currents; to cause something to rise or move by means of heat or fluid motion
53. peregrine fa____n *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
54. ou____st shell *adj.* farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
55. en____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
56. fa____n feathers *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
57. tr____ct the area *v.* to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study
58. gl____r club *n.* a light aircraft or small, unpowered plane that is designed to glide and soar through the air using natural winds and or thermal currents
59. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
60. sw____h sound *v.* to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air

ANSWERS: 52. convect, 53. falcon, 54. outermost, 55. endemic, 56. falcon, 57. transect, 58. glider, 59. larva, 60. swoosh

61. me_____re performance *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
62. sc_____t lipstick *n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
63. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
64. sn_____l gear *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
65. pe_____te around the web *v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker
66. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
67. mo_____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
68. re____l bombers in flight *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
69. sw____h through the tall trees *v.* to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air
70. paper-gl____r *n.* a light aircraft or small, unpowered plane that is designed to glide and soar through the air using natural winds and or thermal currents

ANSWERS: 61. mediocre, 62. scarlet, 63. opportune, 64. snorkel, 65. percolate, 66. mosquito, 67. monsoon, 68. refuel, 69. swoosh, 70. glider

71. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
72. scuba sn____l *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
73. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
74. an absolute mo____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
75. ra____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
76. thirty cen____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
77. mo____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
78. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
79. re____l air-to-air *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
80. inv____ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 71. stumble, 72. snorkel, 73. quitter, 74. monarch, 75. rainwater, 76. centimeter, 77. monsoon, 78. hatch, 79. refuel, 80. invariably

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

2. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.
adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

3. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command

4. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

5. I like to _____ the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.
v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

6. Our plane stopped in the country to _____.
v. to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.

7. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

ANSWERS: 1. rainwater, 2. endemic, 3. writ, 4. centimeter, 5. skim, 6. refuel, 7. swarm

8. I _____ the shirt in the sink before washing it.
- v.* to allow liquid to be absorbed, typically by immersing in it; to leave as a guarantee in return for money
9. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of _____ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.
- n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
10. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
11. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
- n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
12. Everyone was aware of the impending ____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
13. She wore a _____ dress to the party, making her stand out in the crowd.
- n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
14. The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of _____ and condensation
- n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
15. Foxes with reduced aggression have outer characteristics such as ____ fur, curly tails, and lop-ears.
- adj.* having two or more different colors, usually black and white

ANSWERS: 8. soaked, 9. naturalism, 10. doe, 11. mosquitos, 12. doom, 13. scarlet, 14. evaporation, 15. pied

16. I caught a rare _____ in the mountains.

n. a slender-bodied non-stinging insect having two pairs of large transparent wings that are outspread at rest

17. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

18. The _____ flight took over 12 hours to complete.

adj. relating to or crossing an ocean or oceans

19. The _____ rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.

n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water

20. The _____ bird's call echoed through the forest.

n. a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish

21. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

22. The storm clouds _____ heat energy and caused a thunderstorm.

v. to transfer heat or energy through a fluid, typically by means of currents; to cause something to rise or move by means of heat or fluid motion

23. She _____ arrived at the office early each day.

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

ANSWERS: 16. dragonfly, 17. humming, 18. transoceanic, 19. snorkel, 20. cuckoo, 21. hatch, 22. convected, 23. invariably

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25. The _____ layer of the planet's atmosphere is extremely thin.
- adj. farthest from the center or the inside; located on or relating to the outer part or surface of something
26. He was considered a _____ artist compared to others in his field.
- adj. of only average quality; not very good
27. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
- v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
28. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
- n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
29. The similarities between the two cultures suggest _____ evolution.
- adj. tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
30. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. She _____ over the tree root.
- v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 24. swooshed, 25. outermost, 26. mediocre, 27. converge, 28. larva, 29. convergent, 30. opportune, 31. stumbled

32. The Philippines is an _____ made up of over 7,000 islands.
n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
33. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
34. The new highway will _____ the wilderness, potentially disrupting local wildlife.
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36. The _____ keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.
n. a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
37. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.
n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
38. The hang-_____ enthusiast looked at the clear skies, anticipating a perfect day to take flight.
n. a light aircraft or small, unpowered plane that is designed to glide and soar through the air using natural winds and or thermal currents
39. The coffee slowly _____ through the filter and into the cup.
v. to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker

ANSWERS: 32. archipelago, 33. quitter, 34. transect, 35. monsoon, 36. falcon's, 37. monarch, 38. glider, 39. percolated

40. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
- n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

ANSWERS: 40. dolphins