

Session 3: “An ELT Course on a Cardiology Case Report and Review Featuring Remarkable Language Highlights”.

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Session Syllabus

1. Word-partnership exercise on technical collocations from the article;
2. Sentence paraphrase relating to highlight language chunks;
3. An overview of introduction, clinical case, surgery treatment and conclusion;

Word Partnership: Match the words on the left with their collocations on the right.

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| 1. State. | A. echocardiography |
| 2. Blunt. | B. instability |
| 3. Wall. | C. shock |
| 4. Diagnostic. | D. murmur |
| 5. Haemodynamic | E. rupture |
| 6. Holosystolic | F. of the art |
| 7. Transoesophageal. | G. trauma |
| 8. Thoracic. | H. accuracy |
| 9. Cardiogenic | I. dysfunction |
| 10. Valvular | J. trauma |

Paraphrasing: Restate the words and phrases in bold with suitable synonyms.

1. “When papillary muscles are damaged, the clinical presentation is often acute, **whereas**, in the case of involvement (...)”
2. “Finally, (...) the prolonged hospitalization and **being bedridden** may contribute to the **masking** of symptoms.”
3. Stable patients **may undergo** elective surgery.”
4. “An accurate TTE is not always **feasible owing to** thoracic wall bruising or fractures.”
5. “The patient was urgently **referred to** a local medical center.”
6. “Physical examination showed no cardiac murmurs and transthoracic echocardiography **pointed out** a prolapse of the posterior leaflet of the mitral valve.”

Vocabulary highlights from Introduction, Clinical Case, Surgery Treatment and Conclusion

- hamper
- myocardial contusion
- atrial septal defect
- aortic valve
- tricuspid
- chordae tendineae
- posterior/ anterior leaflets
- transthoracic echocardiography
- transoesophageal echocardiography
- myxomatous

- annuloplasty
- (non)cardiac surgery
- (mis)diagnosis
 - lesion
 - divert