

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.

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