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## FACILITY DRILLS - EXERCISES

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## EXERCISE 50(A)

1
The children collected colourful shells on the beach.
I sat in the kitchen and shelled peas for an hour.
I think that shelling the peas takes too long to do.
Shale is a type of rock formed from layers of clay.
We saw a shoal of herring swim past the boat.
The old lady sat with her shawl around her shoulders.

2
The water at the river's edge was shallow and clear.
The high wall was enough to shield us from the storm.
There are many social problems in that part of the city.

We like to socialise at the club with our friends.
We had to shelter under the oak tree during the snowstorm.
He carried the heavy boxes on his shoulders to the car

3
James is a very sociable person who likes to talk.
She said her friend can often be a little unsociable

A sheaf is a bundle of wheat stalks in a field.

A shaft of sunlight came through the leaves in the forest.
We will have to shift all the rubbish to the dumpster.
She wore a chiffon skirt and veil over the silk dress.

4
He had to shave a little off the wood to make it fit.
A chauvinist is one who is aggressively patriotic.

He took the knife out of its sheath to polish it.
The light breeze made the water shimmer in the sunlight.

We have to hire a chauffeur to drive the wedding car.

He went into town in order to buy a new shaver.

## 5

The kids began to shiver as they walked through the snow.

The dog was shivering badly after hearing the thunder.
I bought a silver salt shaker in the antique shop.
I weighed out the sugar for the cake I was making.
The horse was shackled to prevent it from roaming.
The shekel was the main coin of the ancient Hebrews.
6
They did not wish to associate themselves with that man.

We heard they associated with their friends in the next town.
The members of this association will be voting next week.
We had to disassociate ourselves from this nasty fellow.

He caught five fish on his fishing trip last month.
We need a stiffish broom to sweep away the mud.

7
I drew the plan on some roughish paper that was handy.

We saw the flash of the car headlights through the fog
They had a very vicious dog that growled at everyone.
They threw a lavish party at The Grand Hotel.

It was a slavish reproduction of a famous painting.
She looked absolutely ravishing in the ball gown.

He was a little peevish when he found all the cookies gone

The gang of boys had a thievish look on their faces.
I will be glad to finish the book so I can start on the next one.
He had a fiendish plan to get revenge on them.
The special soap made the stains vanish in no time.

The outfit he wore to the party made him look a little foolish.

## EXERCISE 50(B)

9
You have to shuffle the cards so they get mixed up.
He shuffled along the seat to get closer to the window.
The kids were shuffling about on the sofa I am looking for a shovel in order to clear the snow.
Chivalry is the customs of knights in the Middle Ages.

The road had chevrons to show cars where to slow down.
10
I planted a new bush by the front door of my house.

The comments from the boys made the girls blush.
I will have to get a new brush for the carpet.
She brushed her hair and then brushed her teeth.
I have to put out the trash every Monday morning.

The house had been badly trashed by the tenants.
11
I sent a letter of appreciation to the hotel manager.

We greatly appreciate all the help you have given us.

The children appreciated being given the box of toys.
The depreciation in the value of our savings was a concern.
The meal was atrocious and certainly not at all nutritious.
Meretricious means alluring in a tawdry and false way.
12
We met the bishop when we visited the old cathedral.

Everything is shipshape, clean and tidy round here.
A sheepshank is a knot that shortens a rope temporarily.
She had a very sheepish look on her face after that.

We have seen some suspicious activities going on.

This is a very auspicious day for our Society.

## EXERCISE 50(C)

13
Tosh is a slang word for mild nonsense.
Tush is an exclamation of impatience or contempt.
He opened the attaché case and took out the papers.
This wine is sweetish and rather pleasant.
He was described as tall with a moustache and sunglasses.
We went to the town of Saltash in the south west.
14
Succotash is a dish of corn, beans and peppers.
I must dash to the bank before it closes.
They dashed from the house to the car in a great hurry

We prefer the dishes that they serve at that restaurant.
The road surface had become dished with the heavy traffic.
Dishevelled hair is unkempt, untidy or disarranged.

## EXERCISE 50(C) (cont)

15
She had an oddish way of walking with a slight limp.
The kids ate the pies but left the radishes on their plates.
The sky turned a reddish hue as the sun set behind the hill.

My Swedish friend is studying the Yiddish language
Modish is an older word for fashionable, trendy or stylish.
She is a faddish person, with a new fad every week.

## EXERCISE 50(D)

16
We fished on the lake all day and caught six fish.

He jumped up in a flash and flashed his torch at them.
She lavished endless gifts on her sons and daughters.
The barbarians invaded and ravished the village women.

An officious person is aggressively
meddlesome.
We asked him if he would officiate at the wedding.
17
A novitiate is the period of being a religious novice.
His knavish behaviour has lost him many friends.
We had to refresh the screen constantly to see the data.
Taking time out in the park has really refreshed us.
These new taxes will impoverish many folks in our town.
The villagers were impoverished by the poor harvests
18
The kids like to eat mashed potatoes and beans.

They said the car had smashed the land speed record.
We came home from our trek cold and famished.

The robbers ambushed the travellers as they passed by.
We shall have to lash the gate to the fence in this gale.
The rain and hail lashed at the windows with great force
19
They are going to slash the prices in the January sales.
The newspaper said that house prices have been slashed.
I am going to polish all the silver in the cabinet.

He polished his new car until it shone like a mirror.
They are going to abolish all these unpopular laws.
The report said that the penalties have now been abolished.

## EXERCISE 50(E)

20
I will be sorting out my stash of yarn and fabrics today.
She had loads of small boxes stashed in the attic.
This is the lushest this lawn has been all year.
I was the shiest kid in the class many years ago.
She had the ashiest complexion I had ever seen.
We think this is the trashiest novel of them all.
21
I shall be talking to Mr Fisher at the next meeting.
My friend used to work as a fisherman in the bay.
I am booked for a facial session at the beauty salon.

There was a lot of pressure to finish the project on time
The bosses were pressuring them to work longer hours
A bushel is a unit of dry measure, of about thirty-six litres.
22
Food that is kosher is fit to eat under Jewish dietary laws.

I shelled all the boiled eggs and put the eggshells in the bin.
He replied sheepishly that he had forgotten the wine.
She snapped waspishly that it was not her fault at all.
I need to put up another shelf for all these books.
This project has been shelved due to lack of funds.
23
We had a shellfish dinner at the beach café.
The wooden box was painted in a shellac varnish.
We met some British people on the beach in France.
They saw some brutish people as they walked along.
A pastiche is a poor imitation of an artistic piece.

A pistachio is a greenish nut related to the cashew.

## EXERCISE 50(F)

24
If you say one thing, he will say the opposite.

We refused to listen to the naysayers in the office.
The people are saying that they wish to see changes.
I saw that Joe had bought a new saw for his woodwork.
My grandfather had worked as a sawyer on a farm.
He spent many hours each day sawing logs for sale.

25
I can see you on Monday to see how you are doing.

All audiences can be divided into seers and hearers.
I am seeing if I can finish the book by the end of the week.
I prefer to sew all my own clothes as much as possible.

I saw an advert for sewers to join the sewing classes.

They have been sewing their own gym bags at school.
26
Late spring is the best time to sow those seeds.

The sowers would walk down the field scattering the seed.
I shall be sowing the tomato seeds when it is warmer.
They began to sigh when they remembered their friends.
He said do not be a sigher but look ahead to the future.
I heard a lot of sighing amongst those in the audience.

## 27

They decided to sue the people for causing the accident.

She said the suers are taking the matter to court.
We will be suing the business for the cost of this repair.
The course of action she is pursuing will be successful.

He escaped from his pursuers by hiding in a barn.

The dog was pursuing the sheep all over the field.

## EXERCISE 50(F) (cont)

28
If you do that, I think trouble will soon ensue.
The ensuing accident was a shock to everyone.
I have seen Thomas and told him I have sewn up his trousers.

They purchased several sawn planks to repair the fence
He said that Jack sawed all the wood for him.
They sighed when they heard they were being sued
29
They pursued the robber and a fight ensued.
A sow is a female pig, whereas the male is a boar.
They installed new sewers leading to the treatment plant

I remember Stacy and all of Stacy's jokes at school.
Stasis means a state of inactivity caused by opposing forces.
The paper described the different stases and their causes.

## EXERCISE 50(G)

30
They really enjoyed the science class at school today.
We have now processed all the scientific data.
She suffered from severe sciatica for many years.

The surveyor has reported that the sewage pipe was cracked.

Sam showed us photos of road signs in Siam
The traders had to sell their wares in the searing heat.

## EXERCISE 50(H)

31
She started her job today as manageress of the shop.
The lady was an heiress who inherited a large fortune.
We were delighted to have a visit from the countess today.

The woman in this story was a prominent Jewess.

At the Sunday school they heard the sayings of Jesus.
Moses led his people in the desert for forty years
32
We read that she was a princess in her own country.
My mother was a deaconess at the church for many years.
In chapter one the prophetess speaks to the hero of the book

The murderess was sentenced to life imprisonment
She worked as a cateress for a wedding caterer.
The actress spent the winter working as a waitress.

## EXERCISE 50(I)

33
The task was dangerous but he liked to live dangerously.
Pious means devout, reverent or godly
The monks lived and acted piously all their lives.

The music was joyous and we all sang loudly and joyously.
It is very advantageous for us to learn how to write well.
The events turned out most advantageously for us.

## 34

We feel the managers are deficient in business skills.

They are making good progress to correct this deficiency.
These plans deal with all these issues
rather deficiently.
We found him to be very proficient in the English language.

He carried out the work very proficiently and successfully.

I visited England and gained great proficiency in the language.

## EXERCISE 51(A)

1
I am glad that Leo is coming to visit us.
We saw Mario last week in the shopping mall.
My sister Leah will be coming to the house today.
We spoke with Maria and told her the news.
He said that Leo went to the show with Leah last Saturday.
We are delighted that Mario and Maria have arrived.
2
The person who invented this machine is a genius.
The plural of genius is geniuses or genii, with two meanings.
The radius of a circle is measured from centre to edge.
I have measured both radii and they are not the same.

A nucleus is the central part of a group
This physics book has a section on the nuclei of atoms
3
The plural word minutiae is Latin for small precise details.
We read all the minutiae of the forma agreement.
The trachea is a medical word for the throat area.

He studied the tracheae of several of the farm animals.
The cornea is the clear part of the front of the eye.
The eye doctor had studied many corneae in his time.
4
The cochlea is a spiral cavity in the internal ear.

The cochleae of these animals were studied in the lab.

A fovea is a small depression in a structure
They noticed several foveae in the skull bones.
A stria is a narrow furrow, ridge or streak
The rock formation showed many striae of different colours.
5
They had to radio their message back to base camp.

The difficult conditions meant that radioing was not easy.
I am going to make a video of my time in the city.
I have been videoing some material for my story.
The weather will be much snowier today.
The fabric could not have been showier or more colourful.
6
It became blowier as the wind came from the north.
These sweets are chewier than the ones in the other bag.
The red sweets are the chewiest of them all.

This is the snowiest day of the year so far. Yesterday was the blowiest day we have had for ages.
They had the showiest front garden in the entire street.

## EXERCISE 51(B)

7
I have to catch the next train at the railway station.
We think his situation could be improved with more training.
We went on vacation to the south coast during August.
There was an evacuation of the building when a fire broke out
The evolution of our plans has taken several years.
My evaluation of their usefulness will be noted in the report.

8
The class were not paying attention to the teacher.
Attenuation means becoming thinner or weaker.
It is his contention that they had acted unfairly at that time.
She knows that the continuation of her studies is important
I have been granted an extension of time on my visa.
Extenuation is a weakening, lessening or toning down.
9
The shorthand notation classes have a low tuition fee.
Intuition is a rapid insight or perception of something.
The painting had a gentle gradation of colour in the sky.
I attended my son's graduation day in the college hall.
This old house is not fit for human habitation.
His habituation to drugs caused him severe problems.
10
The accentuation of the eyes was achieved using makeup.
The fluctuation of interest rates is of great concern.

His infatuation with the actress was quite alarming.
An insinuation is an indirect suggestion or hint that criticises.

The perpetuation of all these errors is causing us difficulties.

The punctuation of his essay leaves a lot to be desired.

## EXERCISE 51(C)

11
The words she used in the report were ambiguous.
I think they wrote their reply quite ambiguously.
The ambiguousness of the text made translation difficult.
Lifting all the iron bars was a very strenuous activity.
He laboured tirelessly and strenuously all day.
She was unprepared for the
strenuousness of the task.
12
She was a virtuous person who was always honest.
They behaved most virtuously in difficult circumstances.
His virtuousness was very clear to everyone he met.
She is an assiduous student who will go far in life.
I have worked assiduously in order to pass this exam.

His assiduousness in practising led to rapid progress.
13
Continuous means uninterrupted, without a break.
The factory operates continuously twentyfour hours a day.
The word continuousness means the same as continuity.
I found her to be a very contemptuous person.

She spoke most contemptuously of her family.
His contemptuousness left him with few friends.

14
It was very presumptuous of them to invite themselves.
They behaved most presumptuously in saying those things.
Their presumptuousness will get them into trouble.

The white cat was very conspicuous at night.
She dresses very conspicuously in bright red tops.
His conspicuousness meant he was easily spotted.

15
The dog looked quite innocuous as it slept on the rug.
The child stared innocuously at the adults in the room.
The word ingenuous can mean innocent or gullible.

He replied rather ingenuously to my questions.
The road took a sinuous winding route over the hills.
The path meandered sinuously through the forest.

16
There is a very tenuous connection between these events.
These ideas are quite tenuously related to each other.
This is an ingenious invention for cleaning such items.
The prisoners had ingeniously made a way to escape.
I hope the group will use their good sense to stay safe.
This was a completely senseless act on the part of the youths.

17
They had a very tense relationship over the years.

They spoke very tensely about their time in that country.
The word arduous comes from the Latin for steep or difficult.
The work at the building site was arduous and difficult.
They worked arduously to dig the big hole.
The arduousness of this task was a surprise to them.
18
All this stationery is now superfluous to requirements.
A superfluity is the same as an overabundance.
She has a very mellifluous voice and quiet manner.
A mellifluent voice sounds as sweet as honey.
Incongruous is a way to say inconsistent or inappropriate.
The incongruity between his job and appearance was clear.

## EXERCISE 51(D)

19
The teacher's job is to evaluate the efficiency of the methods.

Something is evaluated when you
determine the value of it.
Customer numbers tend to fluctuate with the weather.
We found that attendance fluctuated throughout the term.
Her ambition was to graduate with top honours.

My cousin graduated from university last summer.

## XERCISE 51(D) (cont)

20
To infatuate means to inspire with an unreasoning passion.
They became infatuated with the desire to make trouble
It is easy to habituate oneself to something that is repeated

I habituated myself to writing practice to improve my speed.

It is not right to insinuate that she acted selfishly.
They insinuated that he had used the funds unlawfully.
21
He wished to perpetuate his name through his writings.
Leaving bread on the ground perpetuated the rat problem.
It is very important to punctuate the text correctly.

The calm of the day was punctuated by a loud scream.
We shall situate the shed at the end of the garden path.
The new house must be situated six metres from the road
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