Neologisms

- **Read the text about neologisms, then fill in the gaps with the appropriate one from the box.**

Neologisms refers to the inclusion of new words in the popular imagination or the introduction of a new meaning to a word that already existed.

English is constantly changing and there are always people creating new words to define all kinds of behaviors and current situations. This little list will help you stay up to date and perhaps apply them in your daily life if you need to.

INTERNET / LOL / TEXTPECTATION / GEEK / GEOBRAGGING / DESTINESIA / MEH / NON-VERSATION / CELLFISH / FIGITAL

1. Nowadays with social networks we always have the need to publish where we are and what we are doing. _____ (a combination of "geo" + "brag", bragging) consists of continually uploading updates on networks to brag about where you are.

2. Although this neologism is used more often when writing on WhatsApp or in internet forums, it is not uncommon to find people saying it out loud. _____ is the acronym for "laughing out loud", that is, breaking out laughing.

3. This is the complete opposite of LOL. _____ is an adjective that could be translated as a reaction of indifference, something that you neither like nor dislike. As a curiosity, the word seems to be that it was used for the first time in an episode of The Simpsons from 1995.

4. The word _____ began to be used as a derogatory adjective (in fact, it comes from Low German and referred to crazy people), but today it is simply a person who is passionate about the world of technology.

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5. _____ is a fun combination of "selfish" and "cellphone" refers to those who talk on their mobile phones in situations that are considered rude and that annoy the people around them. For example, when someone is on a train talking loudly on their cell phone and you find out about all their family problems.

6. Do you know when you go to a place, you arrive and you no longer remember what you were going to do? That is _____, a mixture of "destination" with "amnesia". It is something that usually happens and that the English have created this word to define it.

7. Messaging applications and mobile phones allow us to always be connected and in permanent communication with friends and family. _____ gives rise to this neologism that describes the feeling of waiting for an important message.

8. The evolution of technology changes consumption habits a lot and now we are at a point where the consumer mixes the physical with the digital, letting the neologism _____ to be used. It is not uncommon to see people buying in a physical store, but comparing prices in other stores from their mobile phone online.

9. Not all conversations come to fruition or something is clear from them, _____ are those that are useless and that end and have not contributed anything to you.

10. When you know that you are going to surf the internet for a long time, you need several basic necessities such as a blanket, a cushion or something to snack on. That little ecosystem, or nest, that you set up to be as comfortable as possible without getting up is the _____.

- **Match the pictures with the proper neologism**

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destinesia



internet



geobragging



Non- versation



texpectation

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Meh!



geek



cellfish



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- Look for at least 5 more neologisms by googling. Write sentences to illustrate their meaning.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- Now, invent a neologism and represent it with a drawing.

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