**Cell Phone Culture: How Cultural Differences Affect Mobile Use**

New Words:

1. inhabitant [ɪn'hæbətənt] n. a person or animal that lives in or occupies a place. 居民，居住者e.g. This is a poor rural area, with only one doctor per 10,000 inhabitants. Copenhagen has about 1.4 million inhabitants.

2. etiquette [ˈetɪket-kət] n. the formal rules for polite behaviour in society or in a particular group. 礼仪，礼节，规矩 e.g. Etiquette is especially important on occasions such as weddings and funerals. It was considered a breach of etiquette to refuse an invitation.

3. starkly [ˈstɑːkli] adv. things are very different from each other in a way that is very obvious. 明显地 e.g. Angus's child-like paintings contrast starkly with his adult subject matter in these portraits. The outlook now is starkly different.

4. commuter [kəˈmjuːtə] n. a person who travels to work over an appreciable distance, usually from the suburbs to the centre of a city. 通勤者，每天往返上班者 e.g. Nine of the areas that made it into the top ten were within the London commuter belt. Long distance rail commuters are not being held to ransom.

5. barrage [bærɑːʒ] n. A barrage of something such as criticism or complaints is a large number of them directed at someone, often in an aggressive way. 连珠炮似的批评/警告 e.g. He was faced with a barrage of angry questions from the floor. Media reports of this latest trick have stirred up an online barrage toward the scammers.

6. vibrate [vaɪbreɪt] vi. shake with repeated small, quick movements. 颤动，震动 e.g. The ground shook and the cliffs seemed to vibrate. The noise vibrated the table.

7. be frowned upon [bi fraʊnd əˈpɒn] disapprove of sth. 不赞成，不喜欢 e.g. This practice is frowned upon as being wasteful. Many teachers frown on such practices.

8. sanction [ˈsæŋkʃn] vt. to impose a sanction or penalty on / be guilty of sth. 制裁，处罚 e.g. The Security Council will consider taking future actions against sanction-busters. The ultimate sanction will be the closure of the restaurant.

9. nuisance [ˈnjuːsns] n. an act, condition, thing, or person causing trouble, annoyance, or inconvenience. 讨厌的事物，令人厌烦的东西 e.g. What a nuisance that child is! Commercials on TV are really a nuisance.

10. fluster [ˈflʌstə(r)] v. a disposition that is confused or nervous and upset. （使）忙乱，紧张 e.g. The honk of horn fluster the driver. While entering test field, I get up for the fluster, brain one blank.

11. discreetly [dɪˈskriːtli] adv. prudently and with wise self-restraint. 小心翼翼地，谨慎地 e.g. I took the phone, and she went discreetly into the living room. Everyone worked to make him welcome, and, more discreetly, to find out about him.

12. commonplace [ˈkɒmənpleɪs] n. a trite or obvious remark. 司空见惯的事，普通的东西 e.g. Be not content with the commonplace in character. Inter-racial marriages have become commonplace.

13. accountability [əˌkaʊntəˈbɪləti] n. responsibility to someone or for some activity. 有义务；有责任 e.g. This is what is meant by stewardship and accountability. Good management in the police cannot be divorced from accountability.

14. beep [biːp] v. a short high tone produced as a signal or warning. 发出哔哔声，发出嘟嘟声，呼 e.g. Does the computer beep on power-up? There is also a short door closing beep.

15. pick up the tab phrase. cover cost/pay the piper. 承担费用 e.g. This time, it is American taxpayers who are being asked to pick up the TAB. The best way to get started is to simply be complimentary and polite and then ask for a lunch where you'll pick up the TAB.

16. woo [wu:] vt. seek someone's favor 追求，求爱 e.g. There was another knock, and another fox was at the door who wished to woo Mrs Fox. MEN have long tried to woo women with chocolates, flowers and witty chat-up lines.

17. quirk [kwɜːk] n. a strange attitude or habit. 怪癖 e.g. "My hunch on the Ditka quote is that it comes from a quirk of the King James translation," Wells says. Otherwise, this may simply be a charming quirk (maybe not so charming to your neighbor).

18. poll [pəʊl] n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people. 民意投票，民意检测 e.g. A national poll shows the presidential race in a dead heat. We are doing a weekly poll on the president, and clearly his popularity has declined.