

Building Hope Lesson Vocabulary List

*Terms and definitions used in the film "Building Hope-The Story of Mahiga Hope High School".
Great resource for deepening writing components and essays.*

Advantage (noun)

- : something (such as a good position or condition) that helps to make someone or something better or more likely to succeed than others
- : a good or desirable quality or feature
- : benefit or gain

Architect (noun)

- : a person who designs buildings
- : a person who designs and guides a plan, project, etc.

Basic Rights for Children (noun)

- : the rights of children to live free from hunger, abuse, neglect, and other inhumane conditions
- : the opportunity for children to participate in political and legal decisions that affect them

Budget (noun)

- : an amount of money available for spending that is based on a plan for how it will be spent
- : a plan used to decide the amount of money that can be spent and how it will be spent

Campaign (noun)

- : a series of activities designed to produce a particular result
- : a series of military battles, attacks, etc., designed to produce a particular result in a war

Caustic (adjective)

- : capable of burning, corroding, or destroying living tissue.
- : severely critical or sarcastic: a caustic remark.
- : a caustic substance, such as smoke (noun)

Co-Curricular Activities (adjective)

- : being outside of but usually complementing the regular curriculum
- Conservation (noun)
- : the protection of animals, plants, and natural resources
 - : the careful use of natural resources (such as trees, oil, etc.) to prevent them from being lost or wasted
 - : the things that are done to keep works of art or things of historical importance in good condition

Consumption (noun)

- : the act of eating or drinking something
- : the use of something (such as fuel)

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Cubic meters (noun)

: a unit (as cubic inch or cubic centimeter) for measuring volume; Metric System

Customs Regulations (noun)

: rules related to the taxes or fees that are paid to the government when goods come into or go out of a country

Developing World (noun)

: the nations of the world which are less economically and technologically advanced; Third World

Donation (noun)

: something (such as money, food, clothes, etc.) that you give in order to help a person or organization

: something (such as blood or a body organ) that you give to a hospital or clinic so that it can be given to someone who needs it

Drought (noun)

: a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain

Engage (verb)

: to hire (someone) to perform a particular service

: to get and keep (someone's attention, interest, etc.)

Equip (verb)

: to provide (someone) with necessary materials or supplies

: to provide (something) with a particular feature or ability

: to prepare (someone) for a particular activity or problem

Excavating (verb)

: to uncover (something) by digging away and removing the earth that covers it

: to dig a large hole in (something)

: to form (a hole, tunnel, etc.) by digging

Facility (noun)

: something (such as a building or large piece of equipment) that is built for a specific purpose

: something that makes an action, operation, or activity easier

Foundation trenches (noun)

: a trench built at and into the foundation of a dam and filled with clay or other impermeable substances to prevent water from seeping beneath the dam.

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[Game] Sanctuary (noun)

: a place where someone or something is protected or given shelter

: the protection that is provided by a safe place

: the room inside a church, synagogue, etc., where religious services are held

[Health] Hazard (noun)

: a source of danger to the health of those exposed to it

High efficiency (noun)

: general term for technologies and processes that require less energy, water, or other inputs to operate

Hippie (noun)

: a usually young person who rejects established social customs (such as by dressing in an unusual way or living in a commune) and who opposes violence and war; especially : a young person of this kind in the 1960s and 1970s

Karibu (noun)

: means "you're welcome" in Swahili language

Kikuyu (noun)

: a member of an indigenous people of Kenya having an agricultural economy and notable as being the originators of the Mau Mau

: the language of the Kikuyu, a Bantu language

Level 8 (noun)

: equivalent of 8th Grade in United States

Mahiga (noun)

: means "stones" or "foundation" in local Kikuyu language

Mandatory (noun)

: required by a law or rule

Mentor (noun)

: someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced and often younger person

Migratory routes (adjective)

: moving from one place to another at different times of the year

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Model (noun)

- : a usually small copy of something
- : a particular type or version of a product (such as a car or computer)
- : a set of ideas and numbers that describe the past, present, or future state of something (such as an economy or a business)

Motto (noun)

- : a sentence, phrase, or word inscribed on something as appropriate to or indicative of its character or use
- : a short expression of a guiding principle

Nĩwega (noun)

- : means “thank you” in local Kikuyu language

Nobel Peace Prize (noun)

- : one of six annual prizes that are awarded to people for important work in the fields of literature, physics, chemistry, medicine, and economics and for helping to bring about peace in the world

Non-profit (noun)

- : not conducted or maintained for the purpose of making a profit

Obstacles (noun)

- : something that makes it difficult to do something
- : an object that you have to go around or over
- : something that blocks your path

Pioneers (noun)

- : a person who helps create or develop new ideas, methods, etc.
- : someone who is one of the first people to move to and live in a new area

Poverty (noun)

- : the state of being poor
- : a lack of something
- : the state of one who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions

Primary School (noun)

- : a school for young children

Public Domain (noun)

- : the state of belonging or being available to the public as a whole, and therefore not subject to copyright

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RainWater Court (noun)

: water catchment system built over basketball court and sports center
: built by The Nobility Project and Architects for Humanity

Rural (adjective)

: of or relating to the country and the people who live there instead of the city

Scholarship (noun)

: an amount of money that is given by a school, an organization, etc., to a student to help pay for the student's education
: serious formal study or research of a subject

School fees (noun)

: money that is paid to a school for the right to study there (equivalent to tuition)

Secondary School (noun)

: a school intermediate between elementary school and college and usually offering general, technical, vocational, or college-preparatory courses

Smoke Induced lung disease (noun)

: harmful deterioration of the lung brought on or caused by smoke inhalation

Solar Power (noun)

: a panel designed to absorb the sun's rays as a source of energy for generating electricity or heating

Environment Sustainability (noun)

: making responsible decisions that will reduce the negative impact on the environment.

Tertiary College (noun)

: education beyond the secondary level, especially education at the college or university level

Water Catchment (noun)

: catching or collecting of water, especially rainwater
: a structure, such as a basin or reservoir, used for collecting or draining water

Water Purification (noun)

: removing dirty or harmful substances from water