

45° or Graduated Layers Vocabulary (Key)

Define the haircutting terms.

1. **Correct Body Positioning:** Rolling your shoulders back and standing directly (parallel) in front of the section on which you are working
2. **Cutting Line:** Angle at which the fingers are held when cutting, and, ultimately, the line that is cut
3. **Elevation:** Angle or degree at which a subsection of hair is held or lifted from the head when cutting
4. **Graduated Haircut:** Graduated shape or wedge; an effect or haircut that results from cutting the hair with tension, low to medium elevation or over direction
5. **Guideline:** Section of hair, located either at the perimeter or the interior of the cut, that determines the length the hair will be cut
6. **Haircutting Shears:** Used mainly for removing length and detailing the haircut
7. **Interior:** Inner or internal part
8. **Layered Haircut:** Graduated effect achieved by cutting the hair with elevation or over direction; the hair is cut at higher elevations, usually 90 degrees or above, which removes weight
9. **Moving Guideline:** Guideline that moves as the haircutting progresses, used often when creating layers or graduation
10. **Over Direction:** Combing a section away from its natural falling position, rather than straight out from the head, toward a guideline; used to create increasing lengths in the interior or perimeter
11. **Part/Parting:** Line dividing the hair at the scalp, separating one section of hair from another, creating subsections
12. **Perimeter:** Outer line of a hairstyle

13. **Sections:** To divide the hair by parting into uniform working areas for control
14. **Stationary Guideline:** Guideline that does not move
15. **Tension:** Amount of pressure applied when combing and holding a section, created by stretching or pulling the section
16. **Texturizing:** Haircutting technique designed to remove excess bulk without shortening the length
17. **Thinning Shears:** These tools are great for removing excess bulk and for blending one length with another
18. **Weight Line:** Visual line in the haircut where the ends of the hair band together
19. **Wide Tooth Comb:** Tool used when cutting thicker and longer lengths, where detailing is not required