45° or Graduated Layers Haircut 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