



HAIR STYLING

Vocabulary Cards

WORD LIST

Block A: Occupational Skills

1. draping

Block B: Hair & Scalp Care

1. effleurage
2. emulsify
3. finger manipulations
4. flaky
5. hair analysis
6. rinse
7. sheen
8. tepid water

Block C: Cutting Hair

1. convex
2. fragile
3. goatee
4. guard
5. guideline
6. nostril
7. point cutting
8. scissors
9. slide cutting
10. subsection
11. taper
12. taut
13. texturizing
14. vertical partings

Block D: Styling Hair

1. diffuse
2. French Twist
3. magnetic roller

Block E: Chemically Waving & Relaxing Hair

1. chemical blow-out
2. disulfide bonds
3. elasticity
4. oxidize
5. pH scale

Block F: Colouring Hair

1. chunky effect
2. line of demarcation
3. virgin hair

1



draping

Block A

draping

(verb)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O o
/dreipɪŋ/

Definition:

placing the appropriate protective covering over the client

Context:

Drape the client properly, prior to performing a hair service.

Related Words &

Expressions:

neck strip, sanek strip,
cutting cape, perming cape,
comb-out cape, smock

1



effleurage

Block B

effleurage

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○

/ɛ,flu:riʒ/

Definition:

light, relaxing, continuous stroking movements applied with fingers or palms in a slow, rhythmic manner

Context:

Effleurage is frequently used on the forehead, face, scalp, back, shoulder, neck, chest, arms, and hands to relax the muscles and stimulate blood circulation.

Related Words &

Expressions: stimulating

2



emulsify

Block B

emulsify

(verb)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o O o o
/ɪ mʌlsəˌfaɪ/

Definition:

to combine liquids together to form a smooth mixture

Context:

When two or more liquids that normally don't mix well together are combined, an emulsifier or binder must be added to prevent the liquids from separating.

Related Words &

Expressions:

emulsion, emulsifier, binder

3



finger manipulations

Block B

finger manipulations

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O o o o o **O** o
/fɪŋgə/ /məˌnɪpjəˈleɪʃənz/

Definition:

massage movements with fingers

Context:

Using finger manipulations, massage the toner into lather. Rinse, shampoo gently, and then rinse again.

Related Words &

Expressions:

manipulate: to use skill in moving or handling something

heel of the hand: the part of the palm of the hand next to the wrist

4



flaky

Block B

flaky

(adjective)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O o

/fleki/

Definition:

a condition when the scalp sheds its skin as dry flakes on the scalp or hair which can appear translucent

Context:

Flaky hair may be the result of a scalp disorder that can be corrected.

Related Words &

Expressions:

dry dandruff,
Pityriasis Capitis Simplex

5



hair analysis

Block B

hair analysis

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

/heə/ /ənæləsis/

Definition:

a careful study of the hair by visible inspection, feel, and special tests

Context:

Hair analysis is an important first step in choosing the colour product. You must examine the texture, density, porosity and the client's natural colour.

Related Words &

Expressions:

texture, density,
porosity, analyze

6



rinse

Block B

rinse

(verb)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O

/rɪns/

Definition:

to remove shampoo, conditioner, and other hair products with water

Various conditioners are referred to as rinses. (noun form)

Context:

After you lather the hair, then proceed with a rinse.

Acid-balanced rinse helps prevent fading and leaves the hair in a condition that is easy to comb.

Related Words &

Expressions:

cream rinse (removes tangles)

7



sheen

Block B

sheen

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O

/ʃi:n/

Definition:

a soft smooth shiny appearance

Context:

Drying the hair in the direction of the cuticle scales may help bring out the sheen in the hair once it is dry. Silicone shiners add gloss and sheen to the hair while creating textural definition.

Related Words &

Expressions:

sleek, smooth, slick,
thermal styling

8



tepid water

Block B

tepid water

(tepid - adj.)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○ ○

/tɛpəd/ /wɑ:tə/

Definition:

moderately warm water

Context:

Test the temperature and pressure of the water to be sure it is tepid and comfortable for the client.

Related Words &

Expressions:

luke-warm,
comfortable water temperature

1



convex

Block C

convex

(adjective)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o

/kɑ:n,vɛks/

Definition:

having a shape like the outside of a bowl; curving outward

Context:

This term is used to describe a profile (side view of the face or head) that curves outward. The “convex” profile has a receding forehead and chin.

Related Words &

Expressions:

profile, concave (curves inward), straight profile

2



fragile

Block C

fragile

(adjective)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o

/frædʒəl/

Definition:

lack of flexibility or elasticity

Context:

Fine hair has the smallest diameter and is more “fragile”. It must be handled very carefully.

Related Words &

Expressions:

lack of elasticity, weakness,
breaking easily

3



goatee

Block C

goatee

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o O

/goʊti:/

Definition:

a small pointed (or thick clump of) beard on a man's chin

Context:

The purpose of a beard or goatee is to balance facial features and to correlate proportions of the face, head, and body.

Related Words &

Expressions:

shears, comb, outliner, clippers, razor

4



guard

Block C

guard

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O

/gɑəd/

Definition:

an attachment that enables you to consistently cut hair at the same length

Context:

Some clippers come with attachments called guards. Razors also can have a guard so the blade is not fully exposed. Guards are not permitted on the Manitoba government practical examination.

Related Words &

Expressions:

attachments, razor guard, clippers, snap-on blade attachments

5



guideline

Block C

guideline

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o
/gaid, lam/

Definition:

a section of hair that determines the length that the hair will be cut

travelling guideline - a guideline that moves

stationary guideline - a guideline that doesn't move

Context:

Guidelines are usually the first section you cut and are located at either the perimeter (outer line) or the interior (inner/internal part) of the cut.

Related Words &

Expressions: guide

6



nostril

Block C

nostril

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O o

/nɑ:stɹəl/

Definition:

one of the two openings of the nose

Context:

Special grooming for men includes trimming eyebrows, ear hair, and nose hair (hair in the nostril).

Related Words &

Expressions:

nostril trimmer

7



point cutting

Block C

point cutting

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○

/point/ /κλιη/

Definition:

a technique in which the tips of the shears are used to cut “points” into the ends of the hair

Context:

The point cutting technique uses the tips, or points, of the shears and this can be done on wet or dry hair.

Related Words &

Expressions:

scissors/sheers

8



scissors

Block C

scissors

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o

/sɪ zəz/

Definition:

a tool used for cutting hair that has two blades joined together in the middle so that the sharp edges slide against each other

Context:

Hairstylists can use scissors to remove unwanted length and bulk of hair from the head and face.

Related Words &

Expressions:

pair of scissors, sheers,
specialty sheers,
manicure scissors

9



slide cutting

Block C

slide cutting

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○

/slaid/ /klatɪŋ/

Definition:

a method of cutting or thinning the hair in which the fingers and shears glide along the edge of the hair to remove length.

Context:

Slide cutting is useful for removing length, blending shorter lengths to longer lengths, and texturizing.

Related Words &

Expressions:

slithering,
removing bulk from the hair

10



subsection

Block C

subsection

(verb, noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○

/sʌbˌsɛkʃən/

Definition:

to separate an area from a larger area

You can section hair by taking a panel of hair and pinning or ignoring the rest. Subsection means dividing the section into smaller parts.

Context:

A “parting” is a line dividing the hair to the scalp that separates one section of hair from another. Sectioning your hair allows you to only pay attention to a particular area or panel of hair.

Related Words &

Expressions:

section, divide, sub-divide,
1/4, 1/8, 1/16

11



taper

Block C

taper

(noun, verb)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o

/teɪpə/

Definition:

a gradual decrease in the thickness of the hair, becoming thinner or narrower at one end

Context:

Tapers sit very close to the hairline and gradually get longer as they move up the head.

Related Words &

Expressions:

blocked neckline (opposite),
shingling techniques,
zero to hair graduation

12



taut

Block C

taut

(adjective)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O

/tɑ:t/

Definition:

very tight from being pulled or stretched; not loose or slack

Context:

When shaving the side of the neck, hold the skin "taut" while using a gliding downward stroke.

Related Words &

Expressions:

pull skin tightly,
stretch the skin firmly

13



texturizing

Block C

texturizing

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○ ○

/tɛkstʃə-aɪzɪŋ/

Definition:

the process of removing excess bulk without shortening the length

Context:

Texturizing techniques can be used to add volume, remove volume, make hair “move,” and blend one area into another. Texturing can be done with cutting shears, thinning shears, or a razor.

Related Words &

Expressions:

slicing, carving, notching

14



vertical partings

Block C

vertical partings

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

/və'tɪkəl/ /pɑː'tɪŋz/

Definition:

dividing lines that are perpendicular to the floor

Context:

Vertical partings are used for high elevation haircuts.

Related Words &

Expressions:

horizontal partings: low elevation cuts (lines parallel to the floor)

diagonal partings: between horizontal and vertical (used for blending and special designs)

1



diffuse

Block D

diffuse

(verb)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o O

/dɪ fju:z/

Definition:

to spread out a gentle air flow over a larger area of hair; used in freeform drying techniques

Context:

Use a diffuser to spread out air flow from a hair dryer while squeezing the hair to introduce a texture pattern that the hair responds to naturally.

Related Words &

Expressions:

drying natural hair, scrunch, air forming, finger drying, diffuser

2



French Twist

Block D

French Twist

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o

/frentʃ/ /twist/

Definition:

an upswept hairstyle known as a vertical role; sleek and elegant

Context:

Usually worn for special occasions, a French Twist is a pinned-up elongated role with a smooth finish.

Related Words &

Expressions:

The Classic Up-do

3



magnetic rollers

Block D

magnetic rollers

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o o O o

/mæg nɛtɪk/ /rouləz/

Definition:

used to set wet hair, allowing the hair to easily lie on the roller to create a smooth and bouncy curl.

Context:

Magnetic rollers, used by professional hairstylists, can be cylindrical, cone-shaped, or tapered.

Related Words &

Expressions:

magnetic effect,
cylindrical rollers,
cone shaped rollers,
tapered rollers

1



chemical blow-out

Block E

chemical blow-out

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

/kɛmɪkəl/ /blɒʊ/ /aʊt/

Definition:

a combination of chemical hair straightening and hairstyling, which rearranges the basic structure of overly curly hair to create a well-groomed style

Context:

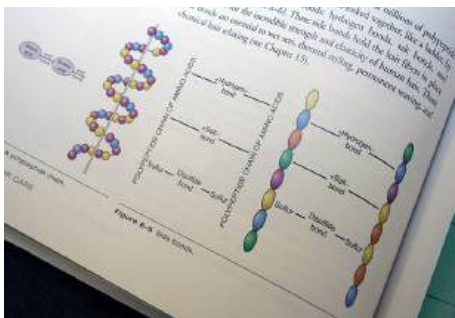
This technique removes only a small amount of the curl, leaving the hair in a more manageable condition. It may be done with either the thio hair relaxer or the sodium hydroxide relaxer.

Related Words &

Expressions:

chemical hair relaxing,
thio hair relaxer, sodium hydroxide
relaxer, neutralizer, moisturizer

2



disulfide bonds

disulfide bonds

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o o O

/dai sʌlˌfaɪd/ /bɑːndz/

Definition:

strong side bonds that are not broken by heat or water

Context:

The chemical and physical changes in disulfide bonds make permanent waving, soft curl permanents, and chemical hair relaxing possible.

Related Words &

Expressions:

hair chemistry,
hydrogen bonds (opposite effect),
disulphide (British English)

3



elasticity

Block E

elasticity

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o O o o

/ɪlæs'tɪsɪti/

Definition:

the ability of the hair to return to its original state after being stretched or compressed, without breaking

Context:

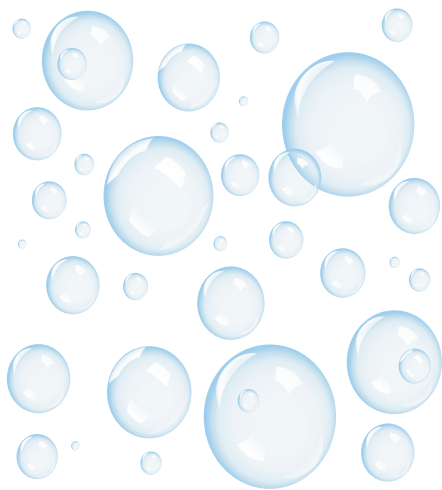
During an analysis, a single strand of hair is stretched to determine the amount of elasticity, prior to a chemical service.

Related Words &

Expressions:

porosity, density,
resiliency (spring back),
texture, breakage

4



oxidize

Block E

oxidize

(verb)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

O o o

/ɑ:ksəˌdaɪz /

Definition:

to combine with oxygen

Context:

The neutralizers used in permanent waving are oxidizers. The chemical reaction that hardens hair in its new form is called oxidation.

Related Words &

Expressions:

perming process, neutralizers,
permanent wave solution,
pH

5



pH scale

Block E

pH scale

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o o

/pi:ertʃ/ /skeɪl/

Definition:

the scale used to measure the whether a substance is acidic, neutral or alkaline

Context:

The pH scale is numbered 1 - 14. A pH value of 7.0 is considered neutral; less than 7 –acidic; greater than 7 – alkaline.

Related Words &

Expressions:

pH = potential Hydrogen,
alkaline, acidic, acid-balanced

1



chunky effect

Block F

chunky effect

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○ ○

/tʃʌŋki/ /ɪfɛkt/

Definition:

thicker weaves of hair that are coloured in a highlight procedure

Context:

The chunky effect uses an off-the-scalp method of highlighting.

Related Words &

Expressions:

panel, panels of colour,
chunky weaves

2



line of
demarcation

Block F

line of demarcation

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

/laɪn/ /əv/ /diː ,mɑː keɪʃən/

Definition:

a visible line separating coloured hair from new growth

Context:

When you are applying colour to new growth, be careful not to overlap on previous coloured hair. Overlapping can cause breakage and a “line of demarcation.”

Related Words &

Expressions:

retouch, overlapping, analysis

3



virgin hair

Block F

virgin hair

(noun)

Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

o o O
/vəˈdʒən/ /heə/

Definition:

hair that has never received a chemical service

Context:

A virgin application refers to the first time the hair is tinted. Pre-lightening or pre-softening is not required for this application.

Related Words &

Expressions:

skin patch test, strand test,
client consultation

More Words to Explore

aluminum	debris	perimeter
alkaline	discarded	peroxide pigment
absorption	diagonally	permanent
arching	ensure	pliable
achieve	establishing	pre-determined
asymmetrical	elevation	predisposition
applicator	enhance	perpendicular
analyzed	exothermic	procedure
blockage	frizzy	processing
consultation	freehand	promotion
compromised	fringe	rotation
cortex	horizontal	saturate
commission	irregular	sanitizer
cowlick	immerse	sectioning
crown	inconsistently	synthetic
crisscross	irate	thoroughly
continuous	litmus	thermal
circular	micro-organisms	techniques
curvature	merchandise	undisturbed
consistent	nape	uniform
disinfectant	neutralized	underneath
diameter	notching	vertically
dispenser	nozzle	vigorous
dampness	porous	wispy

MY WORD LIST

1. *inaccurate* (Block F)

sample

1

X

inaccurate

Block

F

sample

inaccurate (adjective)

Translation:

Pronunciation:

o O o o
/Inækjəreɪt/

Definition:

not correct

Context:

If the tint formula is not mixed according to manufacturer's instructions, the results will be inaccurate.

Related Words &
Expressions:

accurate (correct)

MY WORD LIST

MY WORD LIST

MY WORD LIST

MY WORD LIST



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

Related Words &
Expressions:



Block



Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation:

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

**Related Words &
Expressions:**



Block



Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

Related Words &
Expressions:



Block



Translation: _____

Pronunciation:

Definition:

Context:

Related Words &
Expressions: