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ENGLISH

# **Hair and Self-care Vocabulary**

1. **Hairdresser / Hair Salon**- A business where men and women go to have their hair cut, colored, and styled.

2. **Barbershop**- The same as a hair salon, but usually specifically for men.

3. **Salon**- Salons offer different kinds of beauty treatments including haircuts, hair styling, coloring, facials, massages, makeup, lashes etc.

Ex: We need to visit the nail salon, hair salon and barber shop tomorrow.

4. **Hair dye/ color/ tint**- While hair dye is meant to be more permanent, hair tint and color is often semi-permanent, which means that the color starts to fade after a few washes.

Ex: She dyed her hair pink.

5. **Hair Roots**- The part of a hair that is closest to the top of the head.

Ex: She suggested I color my roots brown and my ends blonde.

6. **Hair ends**- the tips or part of the hair furthest away from the top of your head.

Ex: The hair stylist trimmed my ends.

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7. **Trim-** A hair trim is helping you maintain the style and shape of your cut as well as removing any damage.

8. **Haircut-** A hair cut is changing the style and shape of your hair completely.

9. **Fade-** Generally, this involves keeping it longer on top and gradually shaving closer down the sides and back.



10. **Buzzcut-** This is a hairstyle in which the hair is cut very close to the head.



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11. Crewcut- A haircut where the hair is shaved at the back and sides and left slightly longer at the front and top.



**crew cut**



**buzz cut**

12. Afro- A hairstyle in which naturally curly or frizzy hair is styled into a full, bushy shape all over the head.



13. Mohawk- Shaving the hair on each side of the head, leaving a wide strip of longer hair down the middle.



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**14. Braids-** If you braid hair, you twist three or more lengths of the hair over and under each other to make one thick length.



**15. Locs-** A hairstyle that consists of hair that has been twisted into thick strands.



**16. Highlights** - These are dyed or bleached sections of hair that are lighter than your natural hair color.



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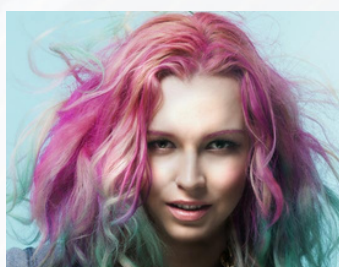
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17. **Lowlights**- Lowlights are hints of colour darker than your natural colour or colorful strands on a lighter base color (e.g., blue streaks in blonde hair).



18. **Flat iron/ hair straightener**- curling and straightening



19. **Straight razor** - for shaving



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17. Neck duster- for removing excess hair from the skin and clothes.



18. Hair clippers- cutting and trimming hair.



19. Hair scissors - for cutting hair.



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## HAIR EXPRESSIONS

**20. A hairy situation-** If you describe a situation as hairy, you mean that it is exciting, worrying, and rather frightening.

*Ex: After he was fired from his job, he was in a hairy situation.*

**21. Wash someone out of your hair-** To wash out of your hair is to end a relationship.

*Ex: After they broke up, she washed him out of her hair.*

**22. Harebrained / Hairbrained-** Something that's harebrained is reckless or foolish.

*Ex: Driving without a seatbelt is harebrained.*

**23. Let your hair down -** Relax, enjoy yourself, not worrying about anything.

*Ex: As soon as she was on vacation, she let her hair down.*

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## TIPS For Visiting The Hair Salon

1. Make sure you have an appointment and that you arrive a few minutes earlier.
2. Bring photo references or inspiration pictures as this helps the stylist understand exactly what you want them to do.
3. Be ready to speak English! Stylists are usually very willing to chat.

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