EPISODE 119

# Beauty and Makeup Vocabulary

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Hi everyone! I am Georgiana, founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. My mission is to help you speak English fluently.

In today's lesson, I'll talk about **makeup**. I've decided to introduce some basic **vocabulary** related to **makeup** products. So if you want to enrich your English **vocabulary**, I suggest that you continue listening.

Make sure you don't miss the mini-story. It will help you improve your English speaking, and you will have a great time.

Ok, let's start!

Let's see what **beauty** products we need for a basic look.

Most women want to be ready in 5 minutes and depending on the time that I have, or the occasion, I spend between 5 and 30 minutes doing my **makeup**.

If you are a makeup lover, you know that there are countless makeup products. So, remember that in this episode, I will focus on the basics.

Ok, so, what's the first step?

Before I start, I'd like to mention some essential points like, how do we apply makeup? What makeup tools do we need for that?

There are so many options, but don't worry; I promise to keep it simple.

There are at least two makeup tools that you need to have in your collection: makeup brushes, and at least one makeup sponge, (also called a blender.)

Depending on the product you want to apply, you'll choose the right makeup tool.

Just keep in mind that many of the **beauty** items that I will mention come in a variety of textures. The most common ones are **powder**, liquid, cream, and gel.

So, let's start our makeup routine. Remember, you only have 5 minutes!

The **foundation**, as its name indicates, is where we apply the rest of the **beauty** products. It's a makeup product very similar to a cream, except that it should have the same color as your skin. We apply it all over the face or only on the spots where we choose to hide imperfections.

**Concealer** is a very similar product, but we use it to hide the dark circles under the eyes that make us look tired.

## After applying foundation, we need to add some products on the cheeks:

Bronzer is a product that gives the impression that we've been in the sun the whole weekend. I would say that nowadays, it's the most loved makeup product together with the highlighter.

Wait a minute!

What's a highlighter?

It's a cosmetic product that reflects light. It gives a youthful glow to the face and body.

Another thing that I like to apply is **blush**. This beauty product adds redness to the cheeks. It comes in a variety of colors like pink, peach, red, that imitate a natural flush.

After applying all this makeup, we'll add some face powder to set the makeup and make it last longer.

Ok, let's hurry up and continue.

I start by defining my eyebrows. I usually use an eyebrow pencil. It's just like an ordinary pencil but with a creamier texture.

Then I apply **eyeshadow**. I apply it on the eyelids and under the eyes. Eyeshadow usually comes in powder, cream, or pencil form. And I prefer to use it in powder.

We use eyeshadow to make the eyes stand out or look just more attractive.

Many women apply eyeliner, but I usually skip this step. So, what's an eyeliner?

It's normally a pencil, that we use to draw above upper lashes or below lower lashes or even both. Just like the eyeshadow, we use an eyeliner to enhance or also change the eye's shape.

Let's not forget about **mascara**.

What's that?

Well, we use this product for the eyelashes. It usually comes in black and makes the eyelashes look longer and more voluminous.

How about the lips?

The most popular products for lips are lipstick, lipgloss, and lip balm.

Let me explain the differences.

Lipstick comes in a solid stick, and it usually lasts a long time on the lips. It comes in different textures and almost an infinite range of colors, although I prefer red or a nude shade, depending on the occasion.

Lip gloss on the other hand, provides a glossy finish to the lips and sometimes color. It doesn't last as long as the lipstick, but it's easier to apply, so I tend to use it more often.

And finally, the lip balm, which like the lipstick, usually comes in a bar or a small pot, and hydrates and nourishes the lips. Sometimes it adds a hint of color.

Congratulations! Your 5-minute makeup routine is over!

So, far so good?

Ok, let's continue with a mini-story.

# Mini-Story

## Speaking Practice

Answer the questions aloud with short and quick responses. Repeat the Mini-Story several times to improve your speaking and listening.

**And just like that, I'll tell a story with questions and answers.**

**Are you ready?**
Steve applied for a job as a professional makeup artist last year.

**Steve applied for an architect's position?**
No. No. Steve applied for a makeup artist position.

**Did Steve hire a professional makeup artist?**
No. No. Steve applied for a professional makeup artist position himself.

**Who applied?**

**Steve's mother?**
No. Steve's mother didn't apply. Steve applied.

**When did he apply for a job?**

**Yesterday?**
No. No. Steve didn't apply for a job yesterday. He applied for a job last year.

**Anyway, he took the job without mentioning that he didn't know anything about makeup.**

**Did Steve accept the job?**
Yes. He accepted the job.

**Did Steve take the job although he didn't know anything about makeup?**
Yes. Although he didn't know anything about makeup, Steve accepted the job as a professional makeup artist.

**Did Steve lie when he took the job?**
Yes. By not saying he didn't know anything about makeup, Steve lied.

**Did Steve mention at any time that he didn't know anything about makeup?**
No. Steve didn't mention at any time that he didn't know anything about makeup.

**He started improvising and mixing all the different beauty products together.**

**Did Steve improvise or learn something about makeup?**
No. No. Steve didn't learn anything about makeup. He improvised.

**What did Steve mix?**

**Paint?**
No. No, Steve didn't mix paint. He mixed makeup products.

**He only mixed one kind of beauty product?**
No. Steve mixed all the different beauty products together.

**Since he worked for a well-known company, people became interested in his make-up technique.**

**Did Steve work at a little-known company?**
No. No. Steve worked at a well-known company.

**People ignored his makeup technique. Right?**
No. No. People were interested in his makeup technique.

**Why were people interested in Steve's makeup technique?**
Because Steve worked at a well-known company.

**So, in just one week, Steve managed to become an international makeup guru.**

**Did Steve manage to do anything?**
Yes. He managed to do something.

**Did he become a local guru?**
No. Steve became an international guru.

**What kind of guru did Steve become?**

**A spiritual guru?**
No. No. Steve didn't become a spiritual guru. He became a professional makeup guru.

**How much time did it take him to become an international guru?**

**Ten years?**
No. No, it didn't take Steve 10 years to become an international guru. He became an international guru in only one week.

**In the end, life is full of surprises. Who would have told Steve that instead of working as an architect, he would end up becoming a professional make-up artist?**

*Thanks for listening, and I'll see you in the next episode.*

Review

# Vocabulary from This Episode

Review the most useful words and expressions before listening again.

**01 Foundation**
A makeup product applied to the face as a base for other products.

**02 Concealer**
A product used to hide dark circles, spots, or other imperfections.

**03 Bronzer**
A makeup product that gives the skin a sun-kissed appearance.

**04 Highlighter**
A cosmetic product that reflects light and adds glow to the face or body.

**05 Blush**
A product that adds color or redness to the cheeks.

**06 Eyeshadow**
Makeup applied to the eyelids to add color or make the eyes stand out.

**07 Mascara**
A product applied to the eyelashes to make them look darker, longer, or fuller.

**08 Lip balm**
A product that hydrates and nourishes the lips, sometimes with a hint of color.

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