

2023 national curriculum tests

# Key stage 1

## English reading

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# Where Does Wool Come From?

At different times of year, we need to wear different types of clothes. When the weather is cold, we sometimes wear thick jumpers, hats, scarves or gloves. These are often made from a material called wool.



## Practice questions

**a** People wear scarves and gloves in...

Tick **one**.

warm weather.

cold weather.

rainy weather.

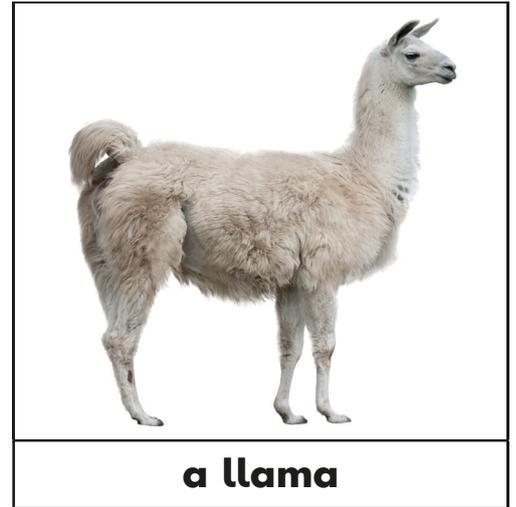
sunny weather.

**b** What are warm clothes often made from?

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## What is wool?

Some animals have feathers, some have shells, some have hair and some have scales. Wool is a type of animal hair. Most of the wool we use comes from sheep. Wool can also come from goats and more unusual animals, such as camels or llamas.



1 What is wool?

Tick **one**.

a type of feather

a type of shell

a type of scale

a type of hair



1 mark

2 Which animal does most of our wool come from?

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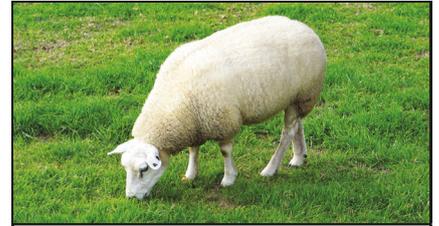


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## How do you get wool from sheep?

Once a year, in spring, when a sheep's winter coat is very long, its wool is cut off.

A shearer, who is like a hairdresser for sheep, comes to the farm to give the sheep a haircut. This is called 'shearing' and it gets the sheep ready for the warmer weather. Shearing does not hurt the animals. In fact, it keeps them cooler.



**a sheep before shearing**



**a sheep after shearing**

**3** Who cuts the sheep's wool?

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1 mark

**4** How does removing their coats get sheep ready for the warmer weather?

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1 mark

## How is wool made into yarn?

After shearing, the wool goes to the factory for sorting. Wool from different parts of the animal is put into different piles.

Next, the wool is washed and all the twisted-up tangles are brushed out. Then, a special spinning machine makes the wool into long, thin thread called yarn. Finally, the yarn is dyed to give it a lovely colour.



**some wool**



**wool being spun**

**5** How is the wool sorted?

Tick **one**.

by the age of the animal it comes from

by the length of the yarn

by the name of the farm

by the part of the animal it comes from



1 mark

6

Draw **three** lines to show what happens to the wool at each stage.

brushing

changes the  
wool into yarn

spinning

turns the yarn a  
different colour

dyeing

gets rid  
of tangles



1 mark

## How is yarn used?

Yarn is made into things by knitting or weaving.

We use the yarn to knit things such as soft and warm clothes, from big, chunky jumpers to cosy, little mittens.

We also weave yarn on machines to make it into material for blankets, rugs or carpets. You can weave patterns into the material using different coloured yarn.



**knitting**



**a weaving machine**

7

...big, chunky...

Chunky means the same as...

Tick **one**.

colourful.

light.

thick.

long.



1 mark

8

**Find** and **copy one** item of clothing that can be knitted using yarn.

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1 mark

9

You can weave different coloured yarns together to make...

Tick **one**.

the material warmer.

a stronger material.

the material softer.

a pattern in the material.

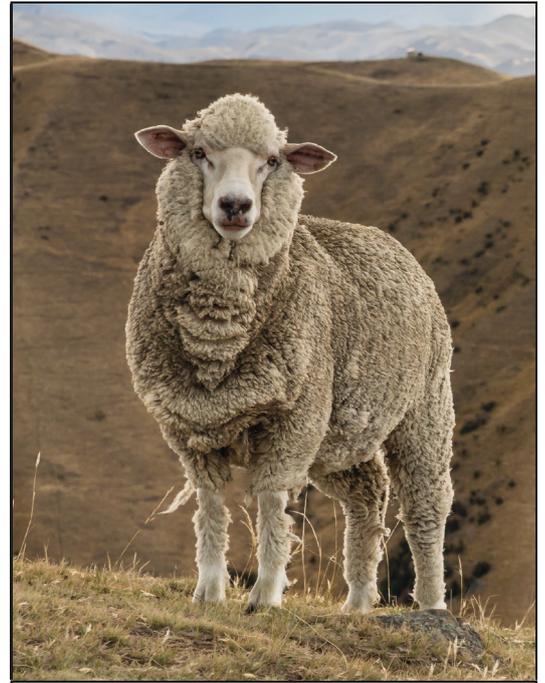


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## What makes wool useful?

Many years ago, firefighters wore uniforms made from wool because wool can help protect us from water and fire. Today, people would never do this because wool is not safe enough. Firefighters use special safety suits instead.

A special type of wool called merino wool can help keep us cool and dry. It is used to make sports clothes and even clothes for astronauts to keep them comfortable on their journeys through space!



**a merino sheep**

**10** In the past, why was wool used for firefighters' uniforms?

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1 mark

**11** Write **two** types of clothes that are made using merino wool.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



1 mark

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# Sleepy Cat



Anna couldn't find her cat, Fluffy. He had got scared when he saw all the boxes that were ready to move to their new house. "Don't worry, Anna," said Mum. "We need to go back to the old house to collect the rest of our things. I'm sure we'll find Fluffy then."

## Practice questions

**c** What was the name of Anna's cat?

\_\_\_\_\_

**d** What had scared the cat?

Tick **one**.

seeing the van

seeing the boxes

seeing the new house

seeing the garden



At the new house, Anna was sad. She thought the family should have waited for Fluffy to come back before they moved house.

Dad was opening a box of plates.

“Anna, I’m sorry, but we couldn’t wait.

We asked for the van to move our things here early in the morning.”

Mum put some books on the shelf.

“Anyway, Fluffy is always too sleepy to run away,” she said gently.

12 Why was Anna sad?

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1 mark

13 When were the boxes picked up by the van?

Tick **one**.

early in the day

at lunchtime

late in the afternoon

in the evening



1 mark

14 What was Mum doing?

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1 mark



Anna walked out into her new garden. It was a pretty, little garden with thick, green grass. Anna saw empty flowerbeds where she thought she'd like to plant some seeds. She looked at the end of the garden and wondered if there might be room for a pond.

In the middle of the garden, Anna noticed a tree and thought Fluffy would love it. He'd clamber to the top and sleep in the leafy branches.

**15** What was in the garden?

Write **two** things.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



1 mark

**16** Why might Anna's cat like the garden?

Write **one** reason.

\_\_\_\_\_



1 mark



Anna touched a flat stone in the sunny garden path. She thought that it would be the perfect place for Fluffy to sleep on warm mornings. Then she returned to the house.

“Can we go back now, Mum?” asked Anna.

“Don’t worry, Anna. We’ll go back soon and find Fluffy,” said Mum, giving Anna a hug. “But first, please unpack that box in your room.”

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*“Can we go back now, Mum?” asked Anna.*

Where did Anna want to go back to?

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1 mark

18

Anna was upset.

How did Mum try to make Anna feel better?

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1 mark

19

Why couldn't Anna go back for Fluffy straight away?

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1 mark



Anna ran to her new bedroom and rushed to unpack the box. She took out a jumper, a colourful jacket and several pairs of comfy socks. Then, she reached in to grab something that looked like a furry toy.

How strange... it was warm!  
Even stranger... it moved!  
She looked inside.  
“Fluffy!” she cried out.  
“You sleepy old cat!”



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*How strange... it was warm!*

In this sentence, *strange* means...

Tick **one**.

odd.

silly.

exciting.

annoying.



1 mark

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