

A man wearing a brown flat cap, a blue V-neck sweater over a collared shirt and tie, and yellow trousers stands in a field of sheep. He is holding a wooden staff. The sheep are white with black faces and some have blue and yellow markings. The background shows rolling green hills under a blue sky. In the top right corner, there is a graphic of a book with glowing pages.

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- ▶ A sheep is an animal with lots of fur.
- ▶ The sheep's fur is a thick, warm coat called a fleece. The fleece can be made into a nice, warm sweater.



Sheep

- ▶ How does the thick, warm coat of a sheep get made into **yarn**?
- ▶ How does the yarn get made into a nice, warm sweater?



▶ Wool sweater

- ▶ A farmer takes care of his herd of sheep all year.
- ▶ The farmer makes sure the sheep are healthy. Healthy sheep make good yarn.



- 🔊 By spring, the farmer is looking for his tools.
- 🔊 He will soon shear the sheep. This means he will cut the fleece off each sheep. That helps the sheep stay cool. By winter, the fleece will grow back.



First, the sheep stands on a special table.

The farmer brushes the fleece to clean it.

Next, the farmer wets and combs the fleece. The fleece must be clean and straight.



Washing

- ▶ Then the farmer trims the sheep. He uses a special tool that is a kind of razor.
- ▶ The farmer starts trimming on the sheep's back. Then the farmer trims on the sides and shoulders. Finally, the farmer trims on the sheep's head.



▶ **Trimming**

- ▶ Now the farmer has a bunch of wool. But the wool isn't ready yet.
- ▶ It must be washed. Sometimes it is put in dye. Dye gives the wool color.



Then the wool is spun.
During spinning,
strands of wool twist together.
The twisted strands make yarn.



Yarn

🔊 People can knit the yarn
to make a sweater.
And a nice, warm sweater
is perfect for a cold day!



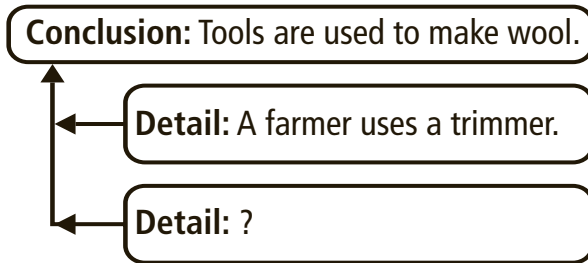
Responding



TARGET SKILL

Conclusions

Many tools are used to make wool. Copy the chart. List one detail, from the story, about a tool used to make wool.



Write About It

Text to Text Think of another book that tells how something is made. Write a few sentences that give instructions on how to make it.



TARGET VOCABULARY

delicious
duplicated
dye
sharpening

spinning
strands
weave
yarn



TARGET SKILL

Conclusions Use details to figure out more about the text.



TARGET STRATEGY

Summarize Stop to tell important ideas as you read.



GENRE Informational text gives facts about a topic.

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Strategy:

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