

## Bacon and Wool: Shearing Day

It was a special day on the farm for Wool the sheep. It was Shearing Day. That was the day he'd get a haircut. It only happened a couple times a year. Sometimes it was only once, but often it was twice a year.

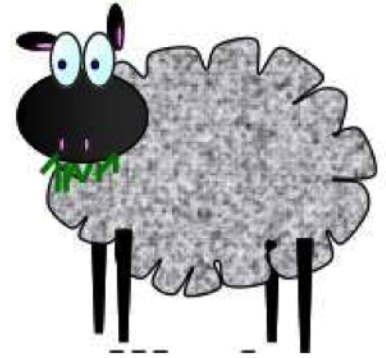
Wool was excited! His fur had gotten all matted with dirt and grass lately, and it just seemed to drag at him. The curly fur was grey and discolored, not at all pretty. Not to mention, it was very warm! Try to imagine wearing a sweater all day that was several inches thick.

Farmer Bob had his shearing blades ready. They looked like funny scissors. Instead of opening and closing them with your hands like regular scissors, they were already open, and you squeezed them to shut them. Each time you squeezed, the blades slid together to slice along. The blades were also short, triangular, and very flat, so you could shear along the skin without cutting the sheep. That was very important!

Wool had a nice rinse in warm water, and then Farmer Bob started shearing. They followed along his belly, across his back, and down his legs. They cut off all of his fur in one giant piece! It looked like a dirty bathroom rug. If cleaned and combed out, the wool could be used to make things.

Nearby, Bacon snorted in laughter at his balding friend. Wool suddenly looked like half of his old size! Wool didn't care. He was cool and clean. He took a run through the yard, shivering for the first time in months. He was never cold with all that fur. It felt good to be cool again.

Days later, the white, curly fur was already growing back. In a few months, it would be time to cut it again.



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  - D. Saddlebags the horse
  
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  - A. Sad
  - B. Excited
  - C. Tired
  - D. Scared
  
3. What did Farmer Bob use to cut Wool's fur?
  - A. hedge trimmers
  - B. children's scissors
  - C. shearing blades
  - D. a razor
  
4. Who laughs at Wool for getting his haircut?
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