

WOOL

Wool comes from sheep and (1) _____ other animals like goats and rabbits. Over a million tons of wool is produced every year, of (2) _____. 60% goes into clothes. The wool that is used (3) _____ comes from Australian Merino sheep. Their wool is good for baby clothes, as it is soft, (4) _____ babies warm, and can (5) _____ their bodies.

When wool is first cut from the sheep, it (6) _____ a high level of a valuable oil, so before the wool is used, it must be cleaned. The (7) _____ way to do this is by putting the wool in warm water. The oil that is (8) _____ from the wool is widely used in products like hand creams.

Sheep were first used by humans several thousand years ago, (9) _____. It is believed that this was for meat (10) _____ than wool. When people developed a way of cutting the wool from sheep it (11) _____ a more important material.

