

# 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.

