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Level 20

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Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 Why do farmers keep sheep on their farms?
- 2 How do children feed pet lambs?
- 3 What is sheep's milk used for?

Inferential

- 4 Why do newborn lambs need to be kept warm and dry?
- 5 Why is a field a good place for sheep to graze?
- 6 Why do farmers shear their sheep at the end of winter?
- 7 What kinds of clothes do people wear that are made from wool?
- 8 Why did people need to tame sheep?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 How might sheep dogs behave around sheep if they weren't trained?
- 10 What other farm animals provide food for people to eat?

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Sheep

Sheep are animals that are kept on farms.

They live together in large groups called flocks or mobs.

Farmers keep sheep for their wool, milk and meat.



Sheep have short legs, small faces and small ears.
They grow thick woolly coats to keep them warm
in winter.



Rams, Ewes and Lambs

A male sheep is called a ram.
Rams can have big curly horns,
or no horns at all.

A female sheep is called
a ewe (say: yoo).
Some ewes have horns.

A baby sheep is called a lamb.
A ewe can have her first lamb
when she is only one year old.



Some rams have big curly horns.



A ewe stands with her lamb.

Most often, ewes have one lamb at a time.
Sometimes, they have two lambs.

Lambs can walk soon after they are born.
A new little lamb has to stand and walk
to be able to drink its mother's milk.

When lambs drink, they often wag their tails.



Caring for Ewes and Lambs

Most of the time, sheep live in grassy fields on farms.

But sometimes, farmers put the ewes and their newborn lambs in sheds to keep them warm and dry.

Inside the sheds, the lambs are safe from animals that might try to attack them.



Some lambs do not get enough milk to drink.
The farmer can give these lambs to another ewe
to care for.

Sometimes, children keep the lambs as pets
and feed them milk from bottles.

