Wool in Schools

Activity sheet

Writing about wool

Do you like writing? At the Campaign for Wool, we love a good yarn (do you see what we did there?)

Why not tell us a story about wool or sheep? If you need inspiration here's one of our favourite woolly tales.



Shrek the sheep

Shrek is one of New Zealand's most famous sheep! He was up in the mountains in the South Island for a very long time and grew a really big fleece. (That's Shrek in the picture above.) Shrek became loved by people all over the world and lived until he was 16 years old, which is really old for a sheep.

Watch this video to learn all about Shrek's life

Writing Activity

Imagine the life of Shrek. Put yourself in his hooves and write about his life on a high country station in the South Island.

How did his woolly coat protect him from the weather in winter? Imagine how heavy six years of wool must be and how strong Shrek must have been to carry it around. (A fleece is usually shorn every year.)

What do you think it might have felt like for Shrek to be shorn after all those years? Do you think he enjoyed visiting towns all over New Zealand to tell people his story?