¹ The coats are clipped.

In the spring, the sheep's coats are clipped. This is called **shearing**. A person shears each sheep's wool off in one big piece called a **fleece**. The sheep will grow another coat over the summer to keep it warm.



2 The wool is sorted.

Workers sort the wool. They remove wool this is dark or dirty. They keep thick wool that is light in color.



3 The wool is washed and dried.

Workers wash the wool many times. Washing removes bugs, straw, and mud from the wool. Then the wool is dried.



⁴ The wool is combed.

Workers or machines comb the wool to remove knots. This is called **carding**. Carding makes the wool soft.



5 The yarn is spun.

A spinning wheel twists the wool. The wool forms long pieces of yarn.



Name Date
Use details from the text Sheep to Sweater to answer the questions.
What is one job that a worker does in the process of making yarn?
Why is this job important?