

# Villainous Verses

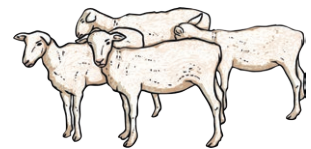
## Baa Baa Naughty Sheep



Baa Baa Black was a naughty little sheep,  
Who shaved off the wool of his friends asleep.  
He sold the wool to the master and dame,  
And had some spare for the boy down the lane.  
He had so much as he stole the coats,  
Of the sheep, Highland cows and the pygmy goats.  
When they were tired and were fast asleep,  
Baa Baa then awoke and begin to creep.  
Off he would cuttety-cut their hair,  
Leaving them cold with their skins all bare!

All the wool he shaved! All the wool he sold!  
Baa Baa was rich, buying jewels and gold!  
The sheep wondered why he had so much money,  
Poor and cold – they didn't find it funny.  
Baa Baa would smile in his warm black fleece,  
Casually looking at his new timepiece.  
"What can I say?" he would tease with a grin,  
"I'm a lucky black sheep and my luck's right in!"

One fine evening as the animals slept,  
A wolf heard the snores and along he crept.  
Licking his lips as he spied his dinner,  
Wolf wondered why all the sheep looked thinner.  
With their coats all gone, the sheep looked small,  
So Wolf sniffed around for the biggest of all.  
He saw something move that looked big and black:  
It was Baa Baa with bags of wool on his back.



Baa Baa was surprised as the Wolf took a bite:  
He shouted, "Well I guess this serves me right!"  
"How nice that was, it really filled a hole,"  
Wolf said later, licking round his bowl.  
In the coming weeks, the sheep grew their coats,  
And so did the cows and the pygmy goats.  
Wolf never came back and they loved their sleep,  
If only Baa Baa had been a good black sheep!

# Questions

1. What type of sheep was Baa Baa? Tick **one**.

- ☐ a good sheep
- ☐ a naughty sheep
- ☐ a funny sheep
- ☐ a thirsty sheep

2. Who did Baa Baa have spare wool for?

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3. Baa Baa cut the hair of which animals? Tick **three**.

- ☐ sheep
- ☐ cows
- ☐ wolf
- ☐ pygmy goats

4. Put these events in time order. Number 1 is the event that happened first and has been done for you.

- ☒ 1 Baa Baa shaves the sheep.
- ☐ The sheep grow their coats back.
- ☐ The wolf bites Baa Baa.
- ☐ The sheep get cold.

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6. What happens to Wolf at the end of the poem? Tick **one**.

- ☐ He eats all the animals.
- ☐ He makes friends with all the animals.
- ☐ He never comes back.
- ☐ He plays football.

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**Baa Baa had spare wool for the boy down the lane.**

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**Wolf licked round his bowl.**

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7. What did Baa Baa do that was naughty? Write **two** ideas.

**Accept any two from: Baa Baa shaved (stole) the animals' hair (accept fleece, coats, fur, etc.); Baa Baa sold the hair and made lots of money; Baa Baa didn't care about the animals when he left them poor and cold; Baa Baa was cheeky (or similar) when he teased/grinned at the animals.**

# Questions

1. When would Baa Baa cut the animals' hair? Tick **two**.
  - ☐ when they were asleep
  - ☐ when they were hungry
  - ☐ when they were cold
  - ☐ when they were tired
2. 'Baa Baa was rich, buying jewels and gold!' How could Baa Baa afford the jewels and gold?  

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3. When the animals woke up after they were shaved, they didn't find it funny. Why not? Tick **two**.
  - ☐ They were scared of Wolf.
  - ☐ They were cold.
  - ☐ They didn't like having their coats stolen.
  - ☐ They were tired.
4. Put these events in time order. Number 1 is the event that happened first and has been done for you.
  - ☒ 1 Baa Baa makes money from the master and dame.
  - ☐ Baa Baa fears for his life.
  - ☐ Baa Baa feels very smug and happy.
  - ☐ The sheep are not impressed.
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6. Which words best describe Baa Baa in the poem? Tick **three**.
  - ☐ selfish                      ☐ uncaring
  - ☐ honest                        ☐ greedy
  - ☐ bossy                         ☐ thoughtful
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Explain your answer as best you can.  

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2. 'Baa Baa was rich, buying jewels and gold!' How could Baa Baa afford the jewels and gold?  
**Baa Baa could afford the jewels and gold because he sold the animals' wool to the master and the dame.**
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5. Why did Wolf choose Baa Baa to eat?  
**The Wolf chose Baa Baa because all the other sheep looked too thin. Baa Baa looked like a bigger dinner as he still had his fleece and was carrying the animals' wool.**
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7. Do you think Wolf would have eaten Baa Baa if he was a good sheep?  
Explain your answer as best you can.

**No, because if Baa Baa was a good sheep he wouldn't have cut off all the animals' hair. That means he wouldn't have been singled out by the wolf as he would have looked the same as all the others.**

**or**

**Yes/maybe, because even though Baa Baa probably wouldn't have cut the hair off the other animals if he was good, he may still have been eaten by the wolf.**

# Questions

1. Which emotion or feeling do you think made Baa Baa cut off the animals' hair? Tick **one**.

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5. "How nice that was, it really filled a hole,"  
Wolf said later, licking round his bowl.'

What happens in this part of the poem?

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- ☐ Baa Baa starts to worry.
- ☐ The animals become suspicious.
- ☐ The animals are freezing.
- ☒ **1** Baa Baa has a sneaky plan.
- ☐ Baa Baa feels smug.

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Explain your answer with as much detail as you can.

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☐ curiosity

2. Explain why the animals didn't find Baa Baa funny.

**They didn't find Baa Baa funny because he looked all warm and happy with himself with lots of money, and they were cold and poor after he had cut all their hair off.**

3. 'Casually looking at his new **timepiece**'. What is a timepiece?

**A timepiece is a watch (accept clock).**

4. What do you think Wolf thought when he saw Baa Baa?

**'Yummy, there's my dinner' (or similar answers that show Wolf's positive thoughts at finding a tasty-looking sheep to eat).**

5. "How nice that was, it really filled a hole,"  
Wolf said later, licking round his bowl.'  
What happens in this part of the poem?

**Wolf eats Baa Baa and he is full up.**

6. Write **three** words that mean different things to describe Baa Baa in the poem.  
Give reasons why you have chosen them.

**Accept three words and explanations that show an understanding of Baa Baa's character.**

**E.g. Baa Baa is unkind because he cuts the animals' hair when they don't want him to, selfish because he doesn't care about the animals' feelings and dishonest because he sells their wool and hair without them knowing.**

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8. What do you think the animals felt towards Baa Baa by the end of the poem?  
Explain your answer with as much detail as you can.

**Accept answers that show either a positive or negative feeling towards Baa Baa, as long as it is backed up with a suitable reason.**

**E.g. The animals would have been sad that Baa Baa wasn't there any more because although he cut their hair without asking, he was still one of the flock and part of their family/their friend.**

**or**

**The animals would have been happy that Baa Baa wasn't there any more because now their wool and fur will grow back and they can earn some money by selling them to the master and the dame themselves.**