MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

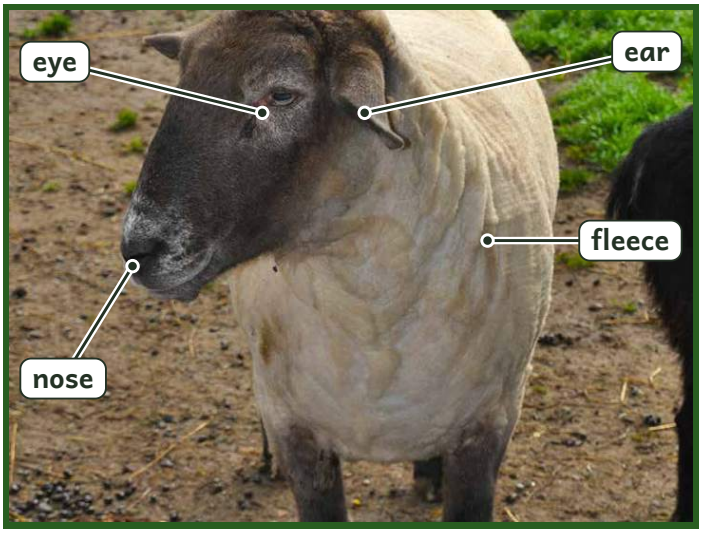
SHEEP

Ovis aries

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A sheep at our zoo.

Its body

A sheep has a coat of **fleece**.
Its eyes see almost all around.
Some sheep have horns.

Its home (habitat)

People first raised sheep long ago.
That was near Iran and Iraq.
Sheep live in a **flock**.
Sheep live at our zoo.



First raised here ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats grass and clover.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby sheep is a **lamb**.
It stands soon after birth.
It drinks its mother's milk.
Its legs help it follow her.

Fun facts

There are over 1,000 kinds of sheep!
A female is a ewe. A male is a ram.

Words to know

fleece: the wool on a sheep
flock: a group of sheep
lamb: a baby sheep

Talk about it

1. What can a lamb do soon after birth?
2. How does a lamb get food?
3. Do all sheep look the same? How do you know?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/sheep/ · **Sources:** Valais Blacknose Sheep Society; Animal Diversity Web; University of Minnesota Extension; Banks et al., Science Advances 2015
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A baby sheep is a lamb. **YES** **NO**
2. Sheep eat meat. **YES** **NO**
3. Sheep live in a flock. **YES** **NO**
4. All sheep look the same. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ fleece
- ☐ ears
- ☐ eyes
- ☐ nose
- ☐ legs
- ☐ a lamb

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating · walking · watching · resting

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a sheep and a lamb in the grass.

Draw here

A sheep has _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular sheep sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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