

Villainous Verses

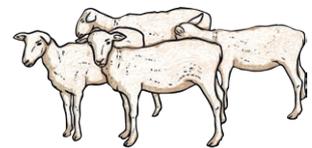
Baa Baa Naughty Sheep



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. 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?

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.

5. Why did Wolf choose Baa Baa to eat?

6. Which words best describe Baa Baa in the poem? Tick **three**.

- selfish
- uncaring
- honest
- greedy
- bossy
- thoughtful

7. Do you think Wolf would have eaten Baa Baa if he was a good sheep? Explain your answer as best you can.

Answers

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- when they were tired**

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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