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1 Read and number.

1. Silk worms make silk.
2. Cotton is a plant.
3. Wool comes from sheep.



What are your clothes made of?

Some clothes are made of natural materials. Natural materials come from plants, animals or the environment. Materials like cotton, wool and silk are natural materials. Cotton is a plant that grows in fields. It's a **renewable resource**, but it needs land and a lot of water. Some farmers say it is the **thirstiest** plant! Jeans, T-shirts and many other clothes are made of cotton. Cotton clothes are usually soft and cool. Silk worms make silk. The worms eat leaves and then make silk cocoons. People **boil** the cocoons to get silk **thread**. Silk is often softer, lighter and more expensive than cotton. When silk is dry, it is one of the strongest natural materials. Some of the finest silk comes from China.

Wool is a renewable resource that comes from sheep and llamas. Wool clothes can be warmer and drier than cotton or silk clothes, so people often make sweaters with wool. Wool dries faster than many other materials because it is water resistant.



silk worm cocoons

2 Read and answer.

1. What kind of materials are cotton, wool and silk?
_____ natural materials _____
2. What is the thirstiest plant? _____
3. Is cotton renewable? _____
4. What makes silk? _____
5. What is good about silk? It's _____.
6. Which country produces the finest silk?

7. What is good about wool? It's _____ and
water _____.

Glossary

renewable resource: a substance or material that is easy for nature to replace

thirstiest: needs more water than others

boil: to put in very hot water

thread: a long, thin strand or piece