

AUSTRALIA – SHEEP SHEARER SHORTAGE (1:20)

You are going to hear a news report about the troubled sheep-wool industry in Australia. For questions 1-7, complete the sentences with a maximum of 4 words each.

You have 30 seconds to read through the questions; then you will hear the recording twice; after the recording, you will have 30 seconds to complete your answers.

1. Between 2003 and 2006, almost _____ of Australian sheep shearers gave up their job.
2. The mining sector in Australia offers better _____ and _____ conditions.
3. According to the expert Joe Sullivan, workers _____ to leave the industry.
4. The drought in Australia has _____ the number of sheep in the country.
5. Farmers make efforts to attract _____ and _____ productivity.
6. Researchers are looking at ways to make the job of sheep shearers _____.
7. Shearers often suffer from injuries. For example, the hard work leads to chronic _____.