

Have you been fleeced?

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Fleece (lana, el vellón) is a sheep's woolly coat and what shearers cut off sheep. Some examples:

- The shearers cut off the fleece from the sheep (los esquiladores cortaron el vellón de las ovejas).
- Some mortals, especially in Northern Europe, wear jackets (chaquetas de vellón) made of fleece.
- Mr. Johnson, the British Prime Minister, wears a fleece (un suéter de lana) to keep out the chill (...para mantener el frío a raya).

There is another use for a negative context: the use is figurative (figurativo). If somebody fleeces (despluma) a person, he cheats them and takes money in an improper way. Another similar word is "swindle" (estafar)

An example:

- Mr. Smith tried to fleece his customers (...trató de desplumar a sus clientes). You could also write "...tried to swindle his customers".

So, have you ever been fleeced?