Sheep Shearing Problem

It’s a hot summer day, and all of the sheep are standing in line to be shorn. Eric is at the end of the line, and in this case there are 50 sheep in front of him. But Eric is impatient, and every time the shearer takes a sheep from the front to be shorn, Eric then sneaks up the line 2 places. How many sheep will be shorn before Eric? Use whatever tools necessary to find your solution.