

This week we are thinking about a special type of poem. These poems are called limericks. A limerick is a short rhyming, funny poem with a bouncy rhythm. Limericks are 5 lines long. Lines 1,2, and 5 rhyme. Lines 3 and 4 rhyme. This is a rhyme scheme known as AABBA.

Limerick rhyme patterns

- Underline the rhymes in red.
- Underline repeated words in blue.

There was an Old Person of Dutton
 Whose head was as small as a button,
 So, to make it look big,
 He purchased a wig,
 And rapidly rushed about Dutton.



There was a Young Girl of Majorca,
 Whose aunt was a very fast walker;
 She walked seventy miles,
 And leaped fifteen stiles,
 Which astonished that Girl of Majorca.

Directions: Complete each limerick with words that rhyme following the AABBA rhyme scheme.

There was a small child named _____
 Who liked to play ball in the _____
 He'd play with the _____
 He'd jump, run, and _____
 At night he would rest and then _____

My favorite animal's the _____
 I like it because it can _____
 I wish I could have _____
 It would be so much _____
 But my mom no way it's too _____

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- Fill in the gaps in these limericks.

There was an Old Man of Torquay
 Who spent ten pounds on a _____
 He _____

There was a Young Lady from France

Useful rhyming words

away	day
flea	CD
tree	me
night	right
fight	light
dance	prance
chance	ease
knees	please
jig	wig