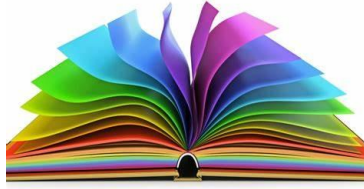


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## Writing Limericks

“LIMERICKS” are poems and fun to write. They also develop creativity and language skills. Here are a few startups to writing LIMERICKS 😊

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### Limerick Definition:

- A poem that is silly or fun and makes no real sense.
- It has five lines. Lines 1,2, and 5 rhyme. Lines 3 and 4 rhyme.

#### Example

Line 1:       A starfish found a big clam,

Line 2:       He opened it to make jam,  
(rhymes with line 1)

Line 3:       Clam jam all for me!

Line 4:       With cookies and tea !  
(3 & 4 lines rhyme)

Line 5:       Clam jam with toast with mashed yams.  
(rhymes with lines 1 & 2)

Limericks also contain puns (using words that can have double meaning - or wordplay or play on words).

#### Example:

“That owl is a real hoot”

In a limerick “puns” are often used.

## Here are a couple of limericks

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An octopus crawled in a jar,  
A fisherman came from afar,  
He pulled the jar up  
For Octopi sup, (soup or supper)  
Back to the sea went the jar

(Lines 1, 2 & 5 rhyme / Lines 3 & 4 rhyme)

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With cookies and tea !  
Clam jam with toast with mashed yams.

(Lines 1, 2 & 5 rhyme / Lines 3 & 4 rhyme)

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**ACTIVITY:** See if you can rhyme the following limericks

A minnow jumped in the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Waking a napping otter,  
The minnow went squish,  
The otter ate \_\_\_\_\_,  
Back to his nap in the water.

A minnow jumped in the water,  
Waking a napping otter,  
The minnow went squish,  
The otter ate fish,  
Back to his nap in the water.

There was a young woman named Kite,  
Whose speed was much faster than light,  
She set out one \_\_\_\_\_,  
In a relative way,  
And returned on the previous \_\_\_\_\_.

There was a young woman  
named Kite,  
Whose speed was much faster  
than light,  
She set out one day,  
In a relative way,  
And returned on the previous  
night

**Activity: Now it's time for you to finish some limericks:**

There was a young lady of York,  
Whose Pa made a fortune in pork;  
He bought for his daughter  
A teacher who taught her  
To balance green peas on her \_\_\_\_\_.

A woker in then garden of Eden,  
Who on apples was quite fond of feedin';  
She gave one to \_\_\_\_\_,  
Who said, "Thank you, Madam,"  
And then both skedaddled from Eden.

There was an old fellow named Green,  
Who grew so abnormally lean,  
And flat, and compressed,  
That his back touched his \_\_\_\_\_,  
And sideways he couldn't be seen.

There was a young lady of Kent,  
Whose nose was most awfully bent.  
She followed her nose  
One day, I suppose --  
And no one knows which way she \_\_\_\_\_.

There was a young lady of Lynn,  
Who was so excessively thin,  
When to the fast food she strayed  
To drink lemon \_\_\_\_\_  
She slipped through the straw and fell  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I'd rather have Fingers than Toes;  
I'd rather have Ears than a \_\_\_\_\_;  
And as for my Hair,  
I'm glad it's all \_\_\_\_\_;  
I'll be awfully said, when it goes.

A cheerful old bear at the Zoo  
Could always find something to \_\_\_\_\_.  
When it bored him, you know,  
To walk to and fro,  
He reversed it and walked fro and \_\_\_\_\_.

There was a young person called Smarty,  
Who sent out his cards for a \_\_\_\_\_;  
But the invites he sent  
Were crumpled and \_\_\_\_\_  
The postman only had one for Marty.

There once was an old man of Esser,  
Whose knowledge grew lesser and lesser,  
It at last grew so small  
He knew nothing at \_\_\_\_\_  
And now he's a college \_\_\_\_\_.  
An artistic young man called Bo,  
To an art class decided to go.  
The teacher said, "It's Not right  
Your entire page is all \_\_\_\_\_"  
Bo said, "It is a polar bear in snow."

The shoes of old Eskimo Joe  
Fell apart as he walked in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Have you needle and thread?"  
I enquired, but he \_\_\_\_\_,  
"No, igloo them not sew them, you know."

Is it me or the nature of money  
That's odd and peculiar? Funny,  
But when I have dough  
It goes quickly, you \_\_\_\_\_,  
And pours out of my pockets like honey.

Limericks I cannot compose  
With awful smells in my nose;  
But this one was easy  
I only felt queasy  
Because I was sniffing my \_\_\_\_\_.

My neighbor came over to say  
(Although not in a neighborly way)  
That he'd kick me around  
If I didn't curb the \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the classical music I \_\_\_\_\_.

I told him, "Get out of my place  
You're an awful uncultured disgrace;  
You're a simpleton loon.  
Don't you know a good \_\_\_\_\_?"  
Then he punched me square in the \_\_\_\_\_.

An elderly man called Keith  
Mislaid his set of false teeth -  
They'd been laid on a chair,  
He'd forgot they were \_\_\_\_\_,  
Sat down, and was bitten beneath.

I'm really determined and keen  
To start giving this house a spring clean.

I will do it I say,  
Yes, I'll do it \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
Well, I'll do it tomorrow, I \_\_\_\_\_.

There was a young lady named Rose  
Who had a large wart on her nose.  
When she had it removed  
Her appearance \_\_\_\_\_,  
But her glasses slipped down to her \_\_\_\_\_.

There once was a fly on the wall  
I wonder why didn't it \_\_\_\_\_  
Because its feet stuck  
Or was it just luck  
Or does gravity miss things so \_\_\_\_\_?



**Activity:** Now it is time for YOU to write some limericks

Line 1:        There was a young boy with a bat  
Line 2:        \_\_\_\_\_ (these 2 lines rhyme)  
Line 3:        He said he was \_\_\_\_\_ (these next 2 lines rhyme)  
Line 4:        \_\_\_\_\_  
Line 5:        \_\_\_\_\_ (this line rhymes with 1 & 2)

Line 1:        When I take my bike for a ride  
Line 2:        \_\_\_\_\_ (these 2 lines rhyme)  
Line 3:        Then I said to my mother  
Line 4:        \_\_\_\_\_ (these 2 lines rhyme)  
Line 5:        \_\_\_\_\_ (this line rhymes with 1 & 2)

**Now write one**

Line 1:        \_\_\_\_\_  
Line 2:        \_\_\_\_\_ (these 2 lines rhyme)  
Line 3:        \_\_\_\_\_  
Line 4:        \_\_\_\_\_ (these 2 lines rhyme)  
Line 5:        \_\_\_\_\_ (this line rhymes with 1 & 2)