



Limerick Activity

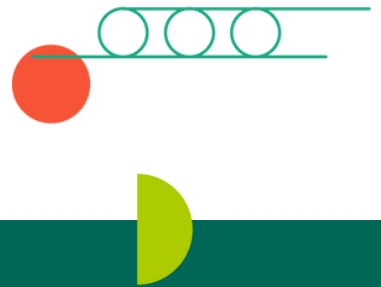
Write your own lively limerick!

What is a limerick?

A limerick is a form of poetry that is fun and easy to recognize. It usually tells a story, often about a person.

The reason limericks are so fun is because they are short, rhyming, silly, and have a bouncy rhythm that makes them easy to memorize.

Limericks, like all poetic forms, have a set of rules that you need to follow.



FOLLOW THESE STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO WRITE YOUR OWN LIMERICK.

- They are five lines long.
- Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme with one another.
- Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other.

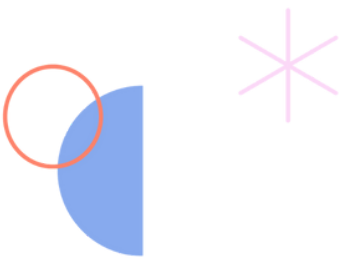
(Hint: They are usually silly!)



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Read these limericks aloud and practice finding the rhythm.

“St. Patrick’s Day” by Leanne Guenther



There once was a shamrock named Shawn,
Whose leaves first unfurled in the dawn,
He was easily seen,
With his bright leaves of green,
Right up ‘til the day he was gone.

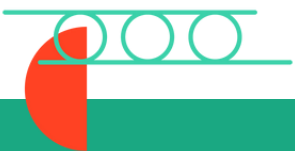
“The Tutor” by Carolyn Wells

A tutor who tooted the flute
tried to tutor two tooters to toot
Said the two to their tutor,
“Is it tougher to toot or
to tutor two tooters to toot?”



“There was an Old Man with a Beard” by Edward Lear

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, “It is just as I feared! —
Two Owls and a Hen
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard.”





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Write your own lively limerick!

Title:

There once was a _____ named _____,
Who _____ on a _____ and went _____,
They _____ her best _____,
And _____ in their _____,
And _____ their favorite _____

Title:

There once was _____,
Whose _____,

_____.

Title:

