
Laughing Limericks

Instructions

A limerick is a type of poem that has five lines and follows a special pattern. These poems are usually funny and sometimes nonsensical! Many limericks also have a drawing to go with it. Your task is to write a silly limerick and illustrate it in a drawing.

Limerick writing rules:

- It must make you laugh.
- Lines 1, 2 and 5 must rhyme AND have 8 syllables.
- Lines 3 and 4 must rhyme AND have 5 syllables.

Here is an example of a limerick:

There once was a girl from Bombay,
Who always had something to say
Her tongue went too fast,
Her voice didn't last,
And was quiet the rest of her days.

Follow these instructions to write a hilarious poem:

1. Fill out the **Laughing Limerick Questionnaire** sheet.
2. Use the **Laughing Limerick Rough Draft** sheet to write your poem. Remember the limerick writing rules to make sure you are writing a good poem.
3. Use the Laughing Limerick Template to write a final copy of your wonderful poem.
4. Present the poem to your class!

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Questionnaire

Use this sheet to brainstorm before you write a poem. This will help you gather information to write about.

1. What subject will you be writing about?

a person

an object

an animal

2. What is your subject's name or nickname?

3. Write four qualities/ adjectives that describe your subject.

4. Think of rhyming words you can use (reminder: you need two different rhyming schemes)

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5. What is funny about your subject?

My Laughing Limerick

(8 syllables/ rhyme A)

(8 syllables/ rhyme A)

(5 syllables/ rhyme B)

(5 syllables/ rhyme B)

(8 syllables/ rhyme A)

By: _____

A drawing that illustrates your limerick:



There once was a boy named Joe
Who dropped a big brick on his ____
He asked, with a frown,
"Will the swelling go _____?"
And the doctor said, "Yes. I think ____."

A film actor dining in Crewe
Found a very large bug in his _____.
Said the waiter, "Don't shout
And wave it _____,
Or the rest will be wanting one ____."

There once was a woman from Crete
who was so exceedingly neat,
when she got out of bed
she stood on her _____
to keep from dirtying her _____.