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A limerick is a silly poem with five lines. They are often funny or nonsensical. Limericks were made famous by Edward Lear, a famous author who wrote the "Book of Nonsense" in the 1800's. This was an entire book of silly limericks.

How to write a limerick:

The first, second and fifth lines rhyme with each other and have the same number of syllables (typically 8 or 9).

The third and fourth lines rhyme with each other and have the same number of syllables (typically 5 or 6).

Limericks often start with the line "There once was a..." or "There was a..."

Example of an 8,8,5,5,8 syllable limerick:

STAR

by Kaitlyn Guenther

There once was a wonderful star
 Who thought she would go very far
 Until she fell down
 And looked like a clown
 She knew she would never go far.

Now you can try to write your own limerick:

There once was a

8 syllables

8 syllables

5 syllables

5 syllables

8 syllables