

Poetry: Limericks

Worksheet 8

Limericks are short poems that are often funny and sometimes rude. The rhyming scheme for a limerick is *aabba* meaning that lines 1,2, and 5 rhyme as do 3 and 4.

Read the limerick below and then try to write one of your own after answering the questions.

There once was a boy from York
Who could only eat with a fork.
He tried and he tried
But he only cried
When they served him a spoon with his pork.

Write the words that rhyme on lines 1,2 and 5.

Write the rhyming words from lines 3 and 4.

Try writing your own silly, little limerick. Make sure to follow the *aabba* pattern.

Note: Many limericks start with 'There once was _____ from _____' but you can be creative and use another phrase if you want.



Answer Sheet

Write the words that rhyme on lines 1,2 and 5. York, fork, pork

Write the rhyming words from lines 3 and 4. Tried, cried

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Answers will vary, sample only is given.

There once was a girl from the hollar. (This is a country, slang term)

She had learned to be quite a brawler.

She loved to pick a good fight

And hit with all of her might,

Some would say she was hot under the collar.