

Name _____ **Limerick**

Limericks

A **limerick** is a poem that is five-lines long. The rhyme scheme is AABBA. The first, second and fifth lines have 8 syllables each with the following stressed (S) and unstressed (U) syllables: USUUSUUS. The third and fourth lines have 5 syllables each with the following stressed (S) and unstressed (U) syllables: USUUS.

There once was a kid named Kiki
Who wanted to learn how to ski
He sped down the hill
Without any spill
All the way down, screaming, "Whoopee!"



DIRECTIONS: Complete the limerick below with words that follow the AABBA rhyme scheme.

- 1 There once was a lion named _____ A
- 2 Who got a thorn stuck in his _____ A
- 3 A mouse pulled it _____ B
- 4 The pain made him _____ B
- 5 For hours, his poor pad was _____ A