

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 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!"  
~ Edward Lear



**DIRECTIONS:** Write your own limerick.

Step 1: Think of a topic for your limerick. \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: Brainstorm ideas about your topic. What rhyming words will you use? Use the back of this page to jot down your ideas.

Step 3: Write your limerick.

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