

# 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 boy in a boat  
Who said, "I can float! I can float!"  
His boat quickly sank  
So the boy got dank  
Then everyone had a good gloat.



**DIRECTIONS:** The first line of a limerick is provided below. Complete the limerick. Make sure that the last word of each line follows the rhyme scheme.

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| 1 | There once was a cat named Lamont | A |
| 2 | _____                             | A |
| 3 | _____                             | B |
| 4 | _____                             | B |
| 5 | _____                             | A |