

**Limericks are amusing little nonsense poems. They are very popular in Britain. Limerick is the name of a town in Ireland.**

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!"

There was a young man from Peru,  
 who dreamt he was eating his shoe.  
 He awoke in the night  
 in a terrible fright -  
 and found it was perfectly true.

There was a young lady of Riga  
 who went for a ride on a tiger.  
 They came back from the ride  
 with the lady inside  
 and a smile on the face of the tiger.

There was a young man of Herne Bay,  
 who was making explosives one day.  
 But he dropped his cigar  
 in the gunpowder jar -  
 There *was* a young man of Herne Bay.



There was a young lady of Spa  
 who wanted to drive in her car.  
 But she didn't take  
 her foot off the brake.  
 So she didn't get very far.

**Change into the past tense:**

*Im Past kein -s in der 3. Person Einzahl!*

1. She goes for a ride – *She went for a ride* .....
2. Then she comes back.....
3. There's a man with a beard. ....
4. He says something. ....
5. They build a house. ....
6. I awake early. ....
7. I dream I'm in Peru.....
8. She's making shoes.....
9. He drops his pencil. ....
10. I find it's true.....
11. He doesn't get very far. ....
12. She wants to drive in her car. ....

**STRONG VERBS**

be	was	been
say	said	said
build	built	built
dream	dreamt	dreamt
awake	awoke	awoken
find	found	found
go	went	gone
come	came	come
do	did	done

**WEAK VERBS**

drop	dropped	dropped
want	wanted	wanted

**VOCABULARY**

Bart	.....
Eule	owl
Lerche	lark
Zaunkönig	wren
wach	.....
Furcht	.....
wahr	.....
ausreiten	.....
innerhalb	.....
Gesicht	.....
fallen lassen	.....
Topf	jar
Bremse	.....