

Limerick rhyme patterns

A limerick is a type of poem which follows a pattern. In a limerick the first, second and fifth lines have the same rhythm and rhyme. The third and fourth lines rhyme with each other too.

Limericks often start with the line "There once was a..." or "There was a..."

For example:

There once was a wonderful star
Who thought she would go very far
Until she fell down
And looked like a clown
She knew she would never go far.

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Then complete the worksheet on the next page

Highlight or underline the rhymes in red.

Highlight or underline the repeated words in blue.



There was an Old Person of
Dutton,
Whose head was as small as a
button,
So, to make it look big,
He purchased a wig,
And rapidly rushed about Dutton.

There was a Young Girl of Majorca,
Whose aunt was a very fast walker,
She walked seventy miles,
And leaped fifteen stiles,
Which astonished that Girl of Majorca.



Fill in the gaps in these limericks, use the word bank to help you if you need to.

There was an Old Man of Torquay,
Who spent ten pounds on a _____,
He _____,

Useful rhyming words	
away	day
flea	CD
tree	me
night	right
fight	light
dance	prance
chance	ease
knees	please
jig	wig

_____,
_____ Torquay.

List four places and four words which rhyme with them. Use your words to make other limericks.

For example: Dundee, tea, me, sea, degree

A limerick by Miss Johnstone

There once was an old man from Dundee,
He liked to sip lots of tea,
He danced around his house,
Until he saw a mouse,
And the screams were heard all over Dundee.