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## Limericks

A limerick is a silly, nonsense poem with five lines. Limericks were made famous by Edward Lear, who wrote the 'Book of Nonsense' in the 1800's.

This was a whole book of silly limericks.

### How to write a limerick:

A limerick has 5 lines. Lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme with each other and have 8 or 9 syllables. Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other and 5 or 6 syllables.

### Copy this limerick by Edward Lear:

There was an old man called Greg,

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Who tried to break open an egg,

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He kicked it around,

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But fell on the ground,

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And found that he'd broken a leg.

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Have a go at writing your own limerick in your handwriting book or on the back of this page.

