



Laughing with Limericks

Limericks are a kind of poem that shares its name with a city in Ireland. It has an AABBA rhyme scheme. That means that the last word of the first, second, and fifth lines rhyme, and the third and fourth lines rhyme.

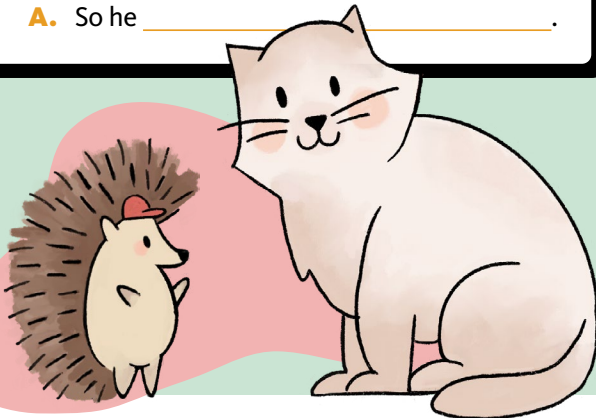
They have a fun, bouncy rhythm, and they're usually pretty silly! Take a look.

- A. There once was a raven from **Boston**
- A. Who flew all the way down to **Austin**.
- B. "A cowboy I'll **be**!"
- B. He said full of **glee**.
- A. But the wrangling was just too **exhaustin'**.

Now finish the limerick below!

Remember that some words look different but still sound alike (cat, attack, bath).

- A. A hedgehog once said to a **cat**,
- A. "I wish I _____!"
- B. But because of his **quills**,
- B. He had too many _____,
- A. So he _____.



- A. Potatoes are wonderful **hashed**,
- A. And fried they're also a **blast**!
- B. But if you've no **teeth**,
- B. And don't want some **grief**,
- A. You'd best be eating them **mashed**!

Now write your own limerick!

Try to end with words that have many common rhymes (bat, cat, hat, rat). For extra fun, draw an illustration to go with your limerick!



- A. _____
- A. _____
- B. _____
- B. _____
- A. _____