

# BUILD A LIMERICK

A limerick is a playful 5-line poem that tells a short, funny story.

It has 5 lines and follows a fun rhyming pattern called AABBA:

● Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme

● Lines 3 and 4 rhyme

It also has a bouncy rhythm that makes it fun to read out loud. Let's try one!

THERE ONCE WAS A \_\_\_\_\_ FROM ● \_\_\_\_\_

WHO WORE A \_\_\_\_\_ MADE OF ● \_\_\_\_\_

BUT HE TRIPPED ON A ● \_\_\_\_\_

AND FELL IN A ● \_\_\_\_\_

AND THAT MADE HIM FEEL QUITE ● \_\_\_\_\_!



**NOW, WRITE YOUR OWN LIMERICK.**

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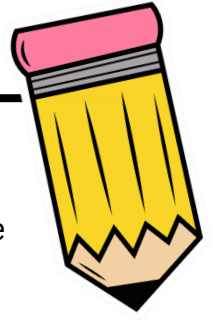
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# Student Examples



👉 These are real student examples—notice how they follow the rhyme pattern (AABBA) while telling a short, funny story!

## THE FOX WHO TOOK A TUMBLE

There was once a fox from Baghdad  
Who wore a coat made of plaid  
He tripped on a frog  
and fell in a log  
and that made him feel quite sad

## PUPPY'S PECULIAR DAY

There was once a puppy from the range  
who wore a collar made of change  
He tripped on a pea  
and fell in a tree  
and that made him feel quite strange

## THE WELL-DRESSED CRAB

There was once a crab from town  
who wore a suit made of brown  
He tripped on a shell  
and fell in a well  
and that made him feel quite down

## SILLY PENGUIN SLIP-UP

There was once a penguin from Philly  
who wore a vest made of lily  
He tripped on a leek  
and fell in a creek  
and that made him feel quite silly

🌟 **Need a spark? Try These!**

👤 **Characters:** cat • mouse • goat • frog • pirate • chef • turtle • squirrel

📍 **Places:** Spain • France • Peru • Maine • Paris • Bali • Outer Space • Brisbane • lake • zoo

😊 **Feelings:** plain • blue • insane • careless • boo-hoo • awake • misplaced • jolly

👕 **Things to Wear:** hat • coat • crown • shoes • cape • wig • scarf

🎨 **Silly Details:** rain • stripes • sparkles • mud • cheese • glue • polka dots



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