

Limericks

What is a limerick poem?

A limerick poem is a short, nonsense poem. These types of poems aim to entertain people and to make them laugh.

What is the structure of a limerick poem?

Limerick poems consist of five lines. The first, second, and fifth lines must have seven to ten syllables. These lines must also rhyme and have the same rhythm as each other. The third and fourth lines must have five to seven syllables. These lines must also rhyme and have the same rhythm as each other.

Limerick poems are known to follow an **AABBA** rhyming pattern.

Title

Line 1: 7-10 syllables (A)

Line 2: 7-10 syllables (A)

Line 3: 5-7 syllables (B)

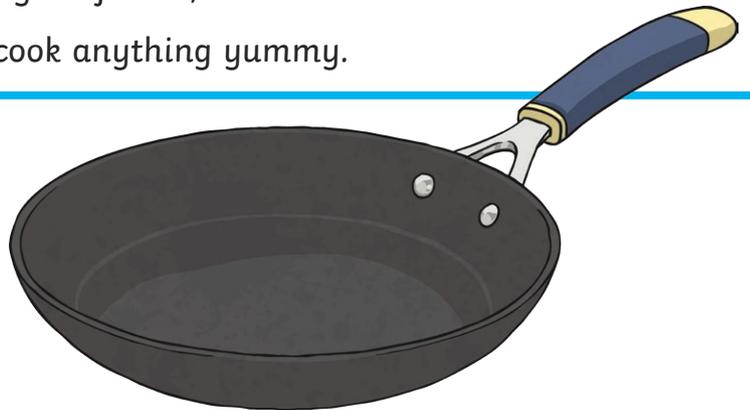
Line 4: 5-7 syllables (B)

Line 5: 7-10 syllables (A)

An example of a limerick poem:

Mummy

There once was a very odd mummy,
Who always lied down on her tummy,
She looks very weird,
And everyone feared,
She would never cook anything yummy.



My Limerick Planning Sheet

Before you begin writing your limerick poem, you should start by writing down different ideas that you have about your particular topic or object. Use the following template to help you with your ideas.

Choose a topic or object for your poem: _____

List some words that rhyme with your topic or object:

List some adjectives that describe your topic or object:

List some interesting facts about your topic or object:

My Limerick Poem
