

# Limericks

**LIMERICKS** are poems with five lines with a special beat and rhyming pattern: Lines 1, 2 and 5 have 9 beats and the last words rhyme. Lines 3 and 4 have 6 beats and rhyme with each other.

## Rhyme Pattern:

The last words of the first, second, and fifth lines all rhyme with each other. We'll call those rhyming words "A,"

And the last words of the third and fourth lines rhyme with each other. We'll call those rhyming words "B".

The pattern is **AABBA**.

For example:

## A Clumsy Young Fellow Named Tim

There once was a fellow named Tim (A)  
whose dad never taught him to swim. (A)

He fell off a dock (B)  
and sunk like a rock. (B)

And that was the end of him. (A)

Begin by choosing someone's name that is only one syllable long. Now think of some words that rhyme with that person's name. Can you turn that into a story?

**Remember ... Lines 1, 2 and 5 have 9 beats and the last words rhyme. Lines 3 and 4 have 6 beats and rhyme with each other.**