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Limerick

A limerick is a well-known poetic form. It is a humorous poem consisting of five lines with a bouncy rhythm.

The pattern and form of a Limerick is as follows:

It has five lines.

Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme with one another.

Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other.

Look at this limerick by Edward Lear.

There was a young lady whose bonnet,

Came untied when the birds sate upon it;

But she said: I don't care!

All the birds in the air

Are welcome to sit on my bonnet!

The last words of lines 1, 2 and 5 (bonnet, it, and bonnet) rhyme. The last words of lines 3 and 4, care and air, also rhyme.

Write a limerick on a subject of your choice. When you have completed the limerick, check to see if the rhyme scheme follows that of a limerick. If not, rewrite some words to correct the rhyme scheme.