

Lollygag of Limericks Activity

FROM *A BOOK OF NONSENSE*, BY EDWARD LEAR, INCLUDING OVER 100 LIMERICKS TO LEARN.

A **limerick** is a nonsense poem with five lines. Here's how it rhymes:

Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme (A), Lines 3 and 4 rhyme (B)

There was an old person of Bree,
Who frequented the depths of the sea;
she nurs'd the small fishes,
And washed all the dishes,
And swam back again into Bree.

Some limericks combine a person with a place as a way to begin (*There was an Old Man from Quebec*).

There was an Old Man of Quebec,
A beetle ran over his neck;
But he cried, 'With a needle,
I'll slay you, O beadle!' *(a beetle with a needle)*
That angry Old Man of Quebec.

Some use animal antics to spice things up (*a beetle with a needle*).

There was an Old Person of Dutton,
Who head was so small as a button;
So to make it book big,
He purchased a wig,
And rapidly rushed about Dutton.

There was an Old Man of Leghorn
The smallest that ever was born;
But quickly snapt up he,
Was once by a puppy,
Who devoured that Old Man of Leghorn

Invent crazy characters doing crazy things (*a tiny man being eaten by a puppy*)!

Your turn to make up a limerick.

The lines marked A rhyme,
and the lines marked B rhyme.

AABBA!

Don't be hesitant to use rhymes that don't quite rhyme. Those are called slant rhymes and they are sometimes needed so your nonsense makes a bit of sense!

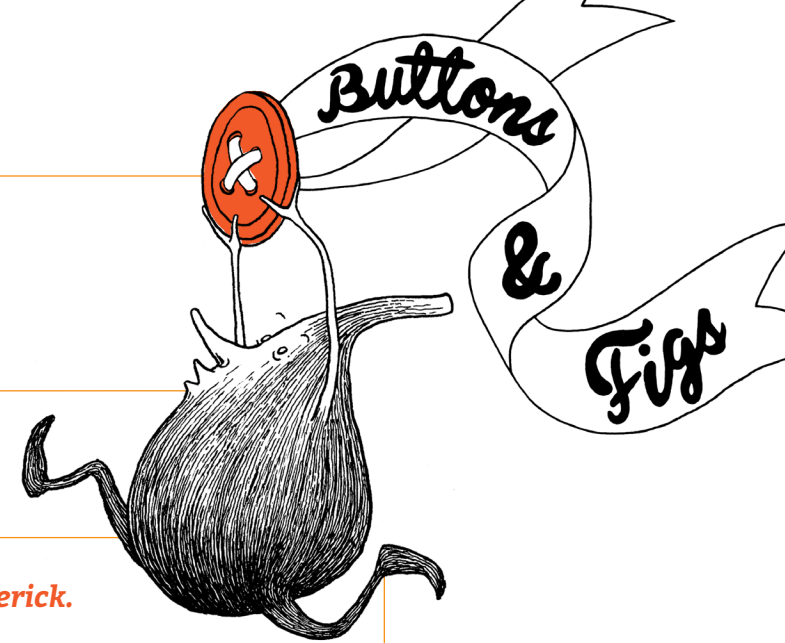
Line 1 (Rhyme A)

Line 2 (Rhyme A)

Line 3 (Rhyme B)

Line 4 (Rhyme B)

Line 5 (Rhyme A)



TONGUE TWISTER LIMERICK

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned,
so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw
in the flue.

—Ogden Nash

RECORDING CHALLENGE:

Record your limerick and send it in, we'll include it on a future episode!

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