

Name _____ **Limerick**



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A **limerick** is a poem that is five-lines long. It has a specific rhyme scheme and specific stressed and unstressed syllables.

DIRECTIONS: Read the limerick by Edward Lear. Write the rhyme scheme on the lines. Draw a box around the stressed syllables in each line.

There was an Old Man in a tree, _____

Who was horribly bored by a Bee; _____

When they said, "Does it buzz?" _____

He replied, "Yes, it does! _____

"It's a regular brute of a Bee!" _____

What is the rhyme scheme for a limerick?

What is the stress pattern for the first, second, and fifth lines?

What is the stress pattern for the third and fourth lines?
