

Name _____ **Limerick**

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A **limerick** is 5-line poem with the rhyme scheme AABBA. The first, second and fifth lines have 8 syllables each with the following stressed (S) and unstressed (U) syllables: USUUSUUS. The third and fourth lines have 5 syllables each with the following stressed (S) and unstressed (U) syllables: USUUS. Read the example:

Oh, a wondrous bird is the pelican!
His beak holds more than his belican.
He takes in his beak
Food enough for a week.
But I'll be darned if I know how the helican.

~ Dixon Lanier Merritt



DIRECTIONS: Write your own limerick.

Step 1: What will you write about? _____

Step 2: Brainstorm ideas and rhyming words. Use the back of this page to jot down your ideas.

Step 3: Write your limerick.
