

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.

There once was a lady from Maine
who'd set out to walk in the rain.
Why, she'd forget,
as she got very wet
And then she would head home again.



DIRECTIONS: The first line of a limerick is provided below. Complete the limerick. Make sure that the last word of each line follows the rhyme scheme.

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| 1 | There once was a gloomy old goat | A |
| 2 | _____ | A |
| 3 | _____ | B |
| 4 | _____ | B |
| 5 | _____ | A |