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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.

There was an Old Man with a beard,  
Who said, "It is just as I feared! -  
Two Owls and a Hen,  
Four Larks and a Wren,  
Have all built their nests in my beard!"

~ Edward Lear



**DIRECTIONS:** The first line of two limericks are provided below. Complete the limericks. Make sure that the last word of each line follows the rhyme scheme.

1 There once was a land made of snow A

2 \_\_\_\_\_ A

3 \_\_\_\_\_ B

4 \_\_\_\_\_ B

5 \_\_\_\_\_ A

1 There once was a girl who liked cheese A

2 \_\_\_\_\_ A

3 \_\_\_\_\_ B

4 \_\_\_\_\_ B

5 \_\_\_\_\_ A