

Key Learning

To know the key features of a Limerick:

- To know a Limerick is 5 lines long
- To understand the AABBA rhyme pattern – meaning the first second and fifth lines rhyme together, and the third and fourth line rhyme together
- To write the third and fourth lines shorter

Suggested ideas

- You can write Limericks about anything, but they are normally about a person or an animal.
- The first line normally ends with the name of the person or the place that they are from, e.g. *There once was a cheetah called Joe*
- Limericks are usually about humorous (funny) topics and events.
- The action normally happens in the shorter, quicker third and fourth lines, e.g.
*He couldn't catch prey
So he'd call the takeaway*

What should I already know?

- The main features of different types of poems including rhyming couplets, sense poems, acrostic poems and list poems

Key Vocabulary

Limerick	rhyme pattern	line length
structure	humorous	

Structure of a Limerick

One thing we must be sure to do,
Is make sure line one rhymes with two,
We then must be sure,
Line three rhymes with four,
Line five rhymes with one and two too!

The Slow Cheetah

There once was a cheetah called Joe,
Who unlike most cheetahs was slow,
He couldn't catch prey,
So he'd call the takeaway,
And order four pizzas to go!

