

# Limericks

<p>There was a young lady from Leeds Who swallowed a package of seeds. Now this sorry young lass Is quite covered in grass, But has all the tomatoes she needs.</p>	<p>There was an old man of Peru Who dreamt he was eating his shoe. He woke in the night, With a terrible fright, And found it was perfectly true.</p>
<p>"My ambition," said old Mr. King, "Is to live as a bird on the wing." Then he climbed up a steeple, Which scared all the people, So they caged him and taught him to sing.</p>	<p>There once was a baby named Lou And he grew and he grew and he grew And he grew and he grew And he grew and he grew, But he stopped when he reached six foot two.</p>
<p>There was a young lady from Hyde, Who ate a green apple and died. While her lover lamented, The apple fermented, And made cyder inside her inside</p>	

## CE : MIXED CRACKERS JOKES

Rewrite the questions and answers that fit to form jokes.

Underline the words on which there is a play on words and explain.

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?

Excemas!

What athlete is warmest in winter?

Because they're not tall enough to be pilots!

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?

A long jumper!

Why don't penguins fly?

They always drop their needles!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

He got 25 days!

What is the worst disease that you get at Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

What's the best thing to put into a Christmas Cake?

Because it's cool!

Why do ghosts live in the fridge?

Your teeth!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_

---

**NOW TRY TO IMAGINE A JOKE**

---

CE : Here are 5 poems, read them and complete the chart below

Poem	Main topic	Number of lines	Rhyme scheme	Number of syllables
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

**Draw conclusions about...**

... lines :

... the rhyme scheme :

... the number of syllables :

... the topics :

**Definition :**

A **limerick** is a short, humorous, often ribald or nonsense poem, especially one in five-line with a strict rhyme scheme (AABBA), which is with humorous intent. The limerick form was popularized by Edward Lear in his first Book of Nonsense (1845)

**PE : Writing limericks**

Here are groups of rhyming words, try to write limericks using them :

dead/bed/fog/dog/frog :

blouse/house/mouse/quick/trick :

food/good/London/pardon/Brandon :

**Now, create your own limericks. You can use a website to find rhymes : <http://www.rhymezone.com>**