

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

### 1. Explore features of limericks

- Read *The Old Man*. What do you notice about its features? Write notes about the patterns that you spot.
- Read *Three Limericks by Edward Lear*. Do these have the same features?
- Complete *Comparing Limericks*. What do you notice?

### 2. Read more limericks

- Read *More Lear Limericks Sets 1-3*.
- Choose your favourite of these limericks and practise reading it until you know it off by heart. Ask someone to test you.
- Challenge yourself to learn another of the limericks off by heart.

### 3. Write your own limerick

- Use *My Limerick Planner* to write your own limerick.
- Start with the first line and then think of words that could rhyme with the last word of your first line.
- The *Example* may help you to use the planner.
- Look at *Edward Lear's illustrations*. Present your limerick carefully with an illustration on the *Template*.

### Try the Fun-Time Extras

Try learning more of the Edward Lear limericks off-by-heart.

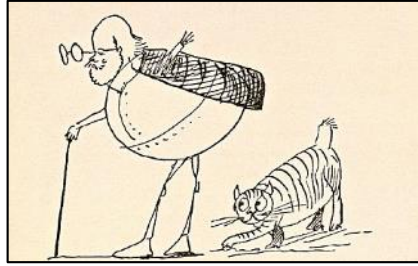
Share your limerick with other people and see if you can teach them to write their own.

## The Old Man



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."

## ***Three Limericks by Edward Lear***



### ***There was a Young Lady of Ryde***

There was a young lady of Ryde,  
Whose shoe-strings were seldom untied.  
She purchased some clogs,  
And some small spotted dogs,  
And frequently walked about Ryde.

### ***There was an Old Man of Kilkenny***

There was an Old Man of Kilkenny,  
Who never had more than a penny;  
He spent all that money,  
On onions and honey,  
That wayward Old Man of Kilkenny.

### ***There was an Old Man with a nose***

There was an Old Man with a nose,  
Who said, 'If you choose to suppose,  
That my nose is too long,  
You are certainly wrong!'  
That remarkable Man with a nose.

## Comparing Limericks



***Put a tick in the box each time the limerick matches the description.***

Description:	<b><i>There was a Young Lady of Ryde</i></b>	<b><i>There was an Old Man of Kilkenny</i></b>	<b><i>There was an Old Man with a nose</i></b>
Has an opening line about a person which begins, 'There was a/an...'			
Has 5 lines arranged in the same way – 2 long lines, 2 shorter lines, 1 last long line			
Has an AABBA rhyme pattern			
Has the same rhythm or beat when read out loud			
Has a funny or silly idea behind it!			

## **More Lear Limericks**

### **Set 1**

*There was an Old Lady of Chertsey,  
Who made a remarkable curtsey;  
She twirled round and round,  
Till she sunk underground,  
Which distressed all the people of Chertsey.*

*There was a Young Lady whose bonnet,  
Came untied when the birds sat upon it;  
But she said: 'I don't care!  
All the birds in the air  
Are welcome to sit on my bonnet!'*

*There was an Old Man of the West,  
Who wore a pale plum-coloured vest;  
When they said, 'Does it fit?'  
He replied, 'Not a bit!'  
That uneasy Old Man of the West.*

## **More Lear Limericks Set 2**

*There was an Old Man on a hill,  
Who seldom, if ever, stood still;  
He ran up and down,  
In his Grandmother's gown,  
Which adorned that Old Man on a hill.*

*There was an Old Man, on whose nose,  
Most birds of the air could repose;  
But they all flew away  
At the closing of day,  
Which relieved that Old Man and his nose.*

*There was an Old Person of Chili,  
Whose conduct was painful and silly,  
He sat on the stairs,  
Eating apples and pears,  
That imprudent Old Person of Chili.*

## ***More Lear Limericks***

### ***Set 3***

There was an Old Man with a poker,  
Who painted his face with red oker  
When they said, 'You're a Guy!'  
He made no reply,  
But knocked them all down with his poker.

There was an Old Man of Peru,  
Who watched his wife making stew;  
But once by mistake,  
In a stove she did bake,  
That unfortunate Man of Peru.

There was an Old Man on some rocks,  
Who shut up his wife in a box;  
When she said, 'Let me out!'  
He exclaimed, 'Without doubt,  
You will pass all your life in that box.'

# *My Limerick Planner by* \_\_\_\_\_

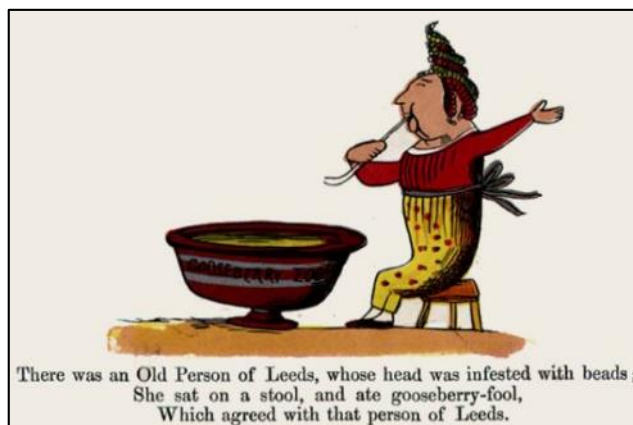
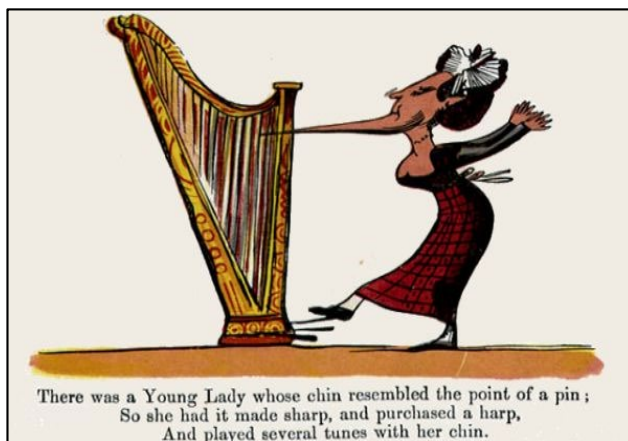
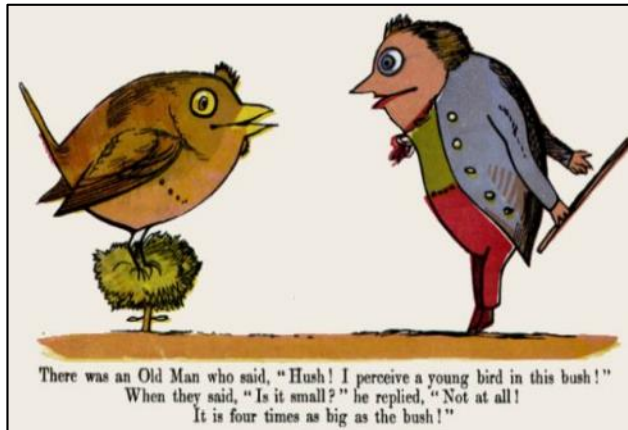
<i>Line</i>		<i>Ideas for rhyming words</i>
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>		



## My Limerick Planner by **EXAMPLE**

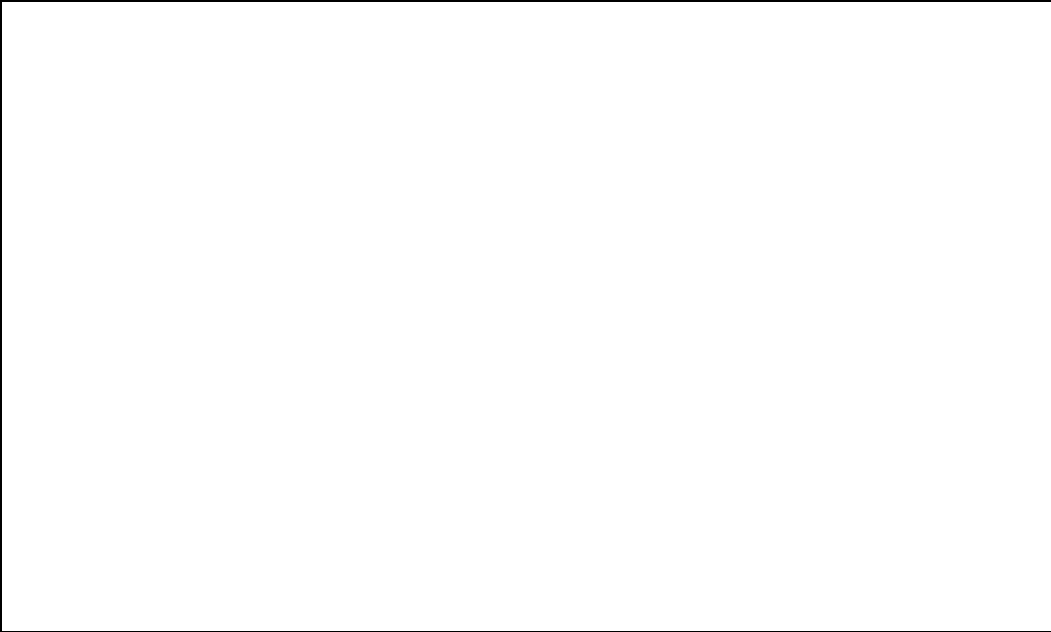
Line	Ideas for rhyming words
<b>1</b> <i>There was an old man with a key</i>	<i>see bee sea he flea pea wee tea me</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Who decided to sit down for his tea</i>	
<b>3</b> <i>He jumped up and said</i>	<i>bed head fed read dead</i>
<b>4</b> <i>I must go to bed</i>	
<b>5</b> <i>But not before I feed my pet bee!</i>	

## Edward Lear's Limerick Illustrations



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