

Writing a Limerick

Steps to Success

1. Pick a name of a person
2. Find some words that rhyme with that name.
3. Think of a few ideas for a funny ending to your poem.
4. Write lines 1,2 and 5 – use rhyming words from your list.
5. Check each of the lines follows this rhythm di Dum di di Dum di di DUM
6. Now think of some actions for lines 3 and 4, with a different rhyme.
7. Make sure lines 3 and 4 follow this rhythm: di Dum di di Dum
8. Have another look at line 5 – does it flow on nicely from line 4?
9. Read through your limerick to check it all flows well.

My Limerick

You could set out your limerick like this and use this wording in your version if you like.

There once was a _____ called _____
Who _____
He / She _____
And / Then / But _____
