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# Limerick

## Directions:

1. Think about something you enjoy, your favorite holiday, or your favorite animal.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> line starts like a story... "There once was..." and has 8 – 9 syllables.
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> line has 8 - 9 syllables and rhymes with the 1<sup>st</sup> line.
4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> lines rhyme *only with each other* and have 5 – 6 syllables.
5. The 5<sup>th</sup> line *rhymes with lines 1 and 2*; it usually has 8-9 syllables.
6. **Challenge:** create a longer limerick with multiple stanzas, each stanza following this pattern but maintaining the topic choice.

## Example:

"There was an Old Man in a Boat" by Edward Lear  
There was an Old Man in a boat,  
Who said, 'I'm afloat, I'm afloat!  
When they said, 'No! you ain't!  
He was ready to faint,  
That unhappy Old Man in a boat.

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 1: There once was a \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 5: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

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# Long Limerick Challenge!

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 1: There once was a \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 5: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 6: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 7: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 8: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 9: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 10: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 11: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 12: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 13: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 14: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 15: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 16: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 17: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)

Line 18: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 19: \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6 syllables)

Line 20: \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9 syllables)