

## LIMERICK

A limerick is a kind of humorous verse with a particular rhyme and rhythm scheme. The rhyme scheme of the 5-line verse is aabba. The first, second and fifth lines are of the same length, while the third and fourth lines are shorter.

Here is one example written by Ron Lightbourne:

There was a young lady from Sandys  
Who always had grandiose plans  
At the End to End walk  
She became all the talk  
By coming in first ... on her hands!

Here's another based on a news article printed 4 February, 1999:

**Bank of Butterfield admits it was used for laundering cocaine cash**  
Bermuda's Bank of Butterfield was involved in a million-dollar Canadian court case in which a top judge was convicted of money-laundering cocaine cash for a client.

In Canada once was a judge  
Who thought that the law he could fudge  
By smuggling loot  
Through a circular route  
But the Mounties got wise to his dodge.

Use an article from today's edition of *your newspaper* as inspiration for writing a limerick. A limerick is usually a humorous poem; however, your limerick does not have to be humorous. Cut out the headline and lead and paste them in the space below. Write the limerick beneath.


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