

POETRY

LIMERICKS

What is a Limerick?

Have a look at this Limerick. After, answer the questions and you will know what a Limerick is.

An artistic male cat called Greebo,
To an evening class he decided to go.
The teacher said: 'that's not right
Your page is all white!
Greebo said: 'It's a polar bear in the snow!'

1. How many lines does it have?
2. How many syllables are there in each line?
3. What is the pattern of rhyming in the limerick?

Here there is a limerick but the lines are jumbled up. Rearrange them so you can correct the order.

While her lover lamented,
And made cider inside her inside
There was a young lady from Hyde,
The apple fermented
Who ate a green apple and died.

If you want to read more limericks go to:

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/English/limerick.htm>