

Task Eight:

Writing a Team Poem: Circle of Writers

Each person write one line then pass the booklet to the person on their left.

Task Nine

In pairs, take the your poem and read it to each other. Discuss these poems.

Task Ten

Please Answer the Questions Below.

1. How many lines does a limerick have? _____
2. What is the rhyming pattern for limericks? _____
3. How many syllables should A lines have? _____
4. How many syllables should B lines have? _____

LIMERICKS

What is a Limerick?

- A Limerick is a five-lined poem that has a three-line rhyme and a two-line rhyme.
- Lines 1,2,and 5 rhyme.
- Lines 3 and 4 rhyme.
- Lines 1,2 and 5 contain 3 beats and lines 3 and 4 contain 2 beats.
- Limericks are meant to be funny. The last line of the poem should contain a PUNCH LINE.

There once was a fellow named Tim,
whose dad never taught him to swim.
He fell off a dock
and sunk like a rock.
And that was the end of him.

Task One:

In groups discuss words which rhyme with the word you have been given. If the letter starts with an A put your answer in the box below that has a letter A in it.

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X
Y	Z		

Task Two:

Study the poem in the box below to complete these tasks:



1. Will finished his work called *Othello*
2. And said 'I'm a fabulous fellow
3. I just wrote a play
4. and five sonnets today
5. After lunch I will learn to play Cello.'

How many syllables are in each line? 1. __, 2. __, 3. __, 4. __, 5. __

Label the limericks rhyming pattern.

Highlight or underline the words which rhyme.

Task Six:

Match the line in column A To the line in Column B. Only two lines match

Column A

- Sick of waiting (4)
- Hated the rat race (5)
- Was tired of falling (5)
- Slipped on a peel (4)
- Wanted to eat (4)
- I wanted to say (5)
- He was thrown in a car (6)

Column B

- Pie in the face (4)
- I'm laughed at each day (5)
- Going from place to place (6)
- End of the show (4)
- Was tired of it all (5)

Which two lines match?

- | | Rhyme | Beats |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1. _____ | B | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. _____ | B | <input type="radio"/> |

Task Seven:

In groups, use the Graphic Organizer you filled out in task four to write your own limerick, using the first line as a guide.

There once was a _____ from _____,

Task Four:

Graphic Organizer: How to plan a limerick

Please fill in the following questions:

1. A) The name of A person: _____
 B) Two words that rhyme with this name:

2. A) The name of a place: _____
 B) Two words that rhyme with this place:

3. Write three interesting things about this person:

Task Five:

Fill in the Rest of the limerick below with what you think may fit into lines three and four.

- Line 1: Today when I saw Fred the Clown (8)
 Line 2: His face wore a smile upside down (8)
 Line 3: _____ ()
 Line 4: _____ ()
 Line 5: I'm getting a new job in town (8)

Task Three:

Read the poems below to answer the questions.

Poem 1

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."



Poem 1

1. Who is this poem about?

2. What characteristic does this person possess?

3. Which words rhyme with each other?

4. What are the beat/ syllables of this limerick?

Poem 2

There was a Young Lady Whose Chin
 Resembled the point of a pin;
 So she had it made sharp.
 And Purchased a harp,
 And played several tunes with her chin.



Poem 2

1. Who is this poem about?

2. What characteristic does this person possess?

3. Which words rhyme with each other?

4. What are the beat/ syllables of this limerick?

What are the common characteristics of these poems?

