

Handwriting competition - to write a limerick

A limerick is a short and fun five-line poem with a distinctive rhythm. The first, second and fifth lines are longer than the third and fourth lines. The rhyming pattern is AABBA. The longer A lines rhyme with each other and the shorter B lines rhyme with each other.

Line 1: 7-10 syllables A
Line 2: 7-10 syllables A
Line 3: 5-7 syllables B
Line 4: 5-7 syllables B
Line 5: 7-10 syllables A

A limerick's cleverly versed-
The second line rhymes with the first;
The third one is short,
The fourth's the same sort
And the last line is often the worst.

(John Irwin)

Clip 1

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4mmn39/articles/zw3yw6f?scrlybrkr=495a3757>

Clip 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wy65TkCadfU>

Handwriting competition - to write/copy a limerick poem

Present your poem on paper in your best handwriting

It could:

- Be one of the poems on the sheet your teacher will give you.
- You could write your own.
- Find one from a poet you know (online or from a book)

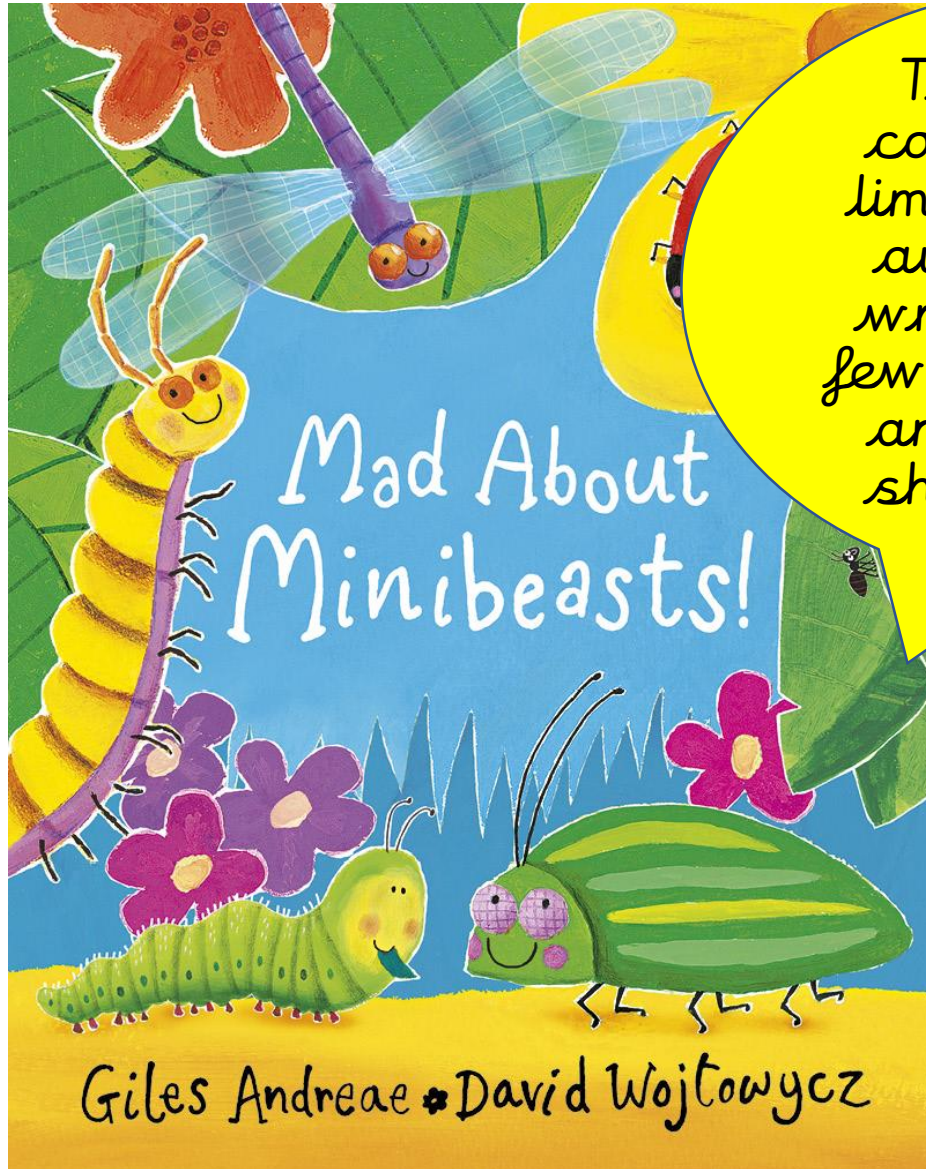
Then illustrate the poem or add a boarder

Hand in your entries to your teacher by Friday 4th December

Did you know, that is this famous nursery rhyme is actually a limerick?

Hickory dickory dock,
the mouse ran up the clock;
the clock struck one
the mouse ran down;
hickory dickory dock





These books contain a few limericks. These authors have written quite a few books about animals. Let's share a few...



Dolphins

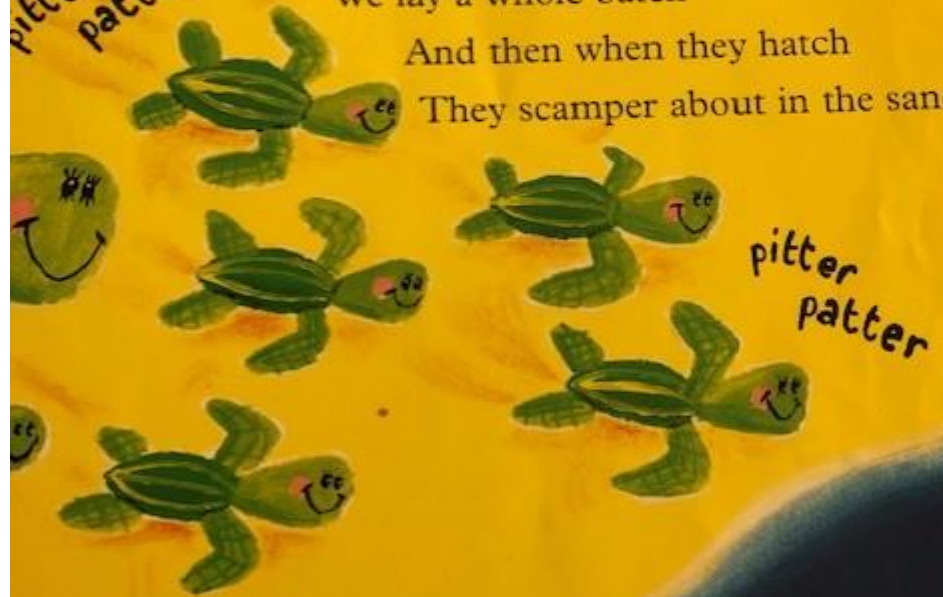
The wonderful thing about dolphins
Is hearing them trying to speak,
But it's not "how d'you do?"
Like I'd say to you,
It's more of a "click-whistle-squeak!"



Turtles

We crawl up the beach from the water
To bury our eggs on dry land,
We lay a whole batch
And then when they hatch
They scamper about in the sand.

pitter
patter



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patter

Lobster

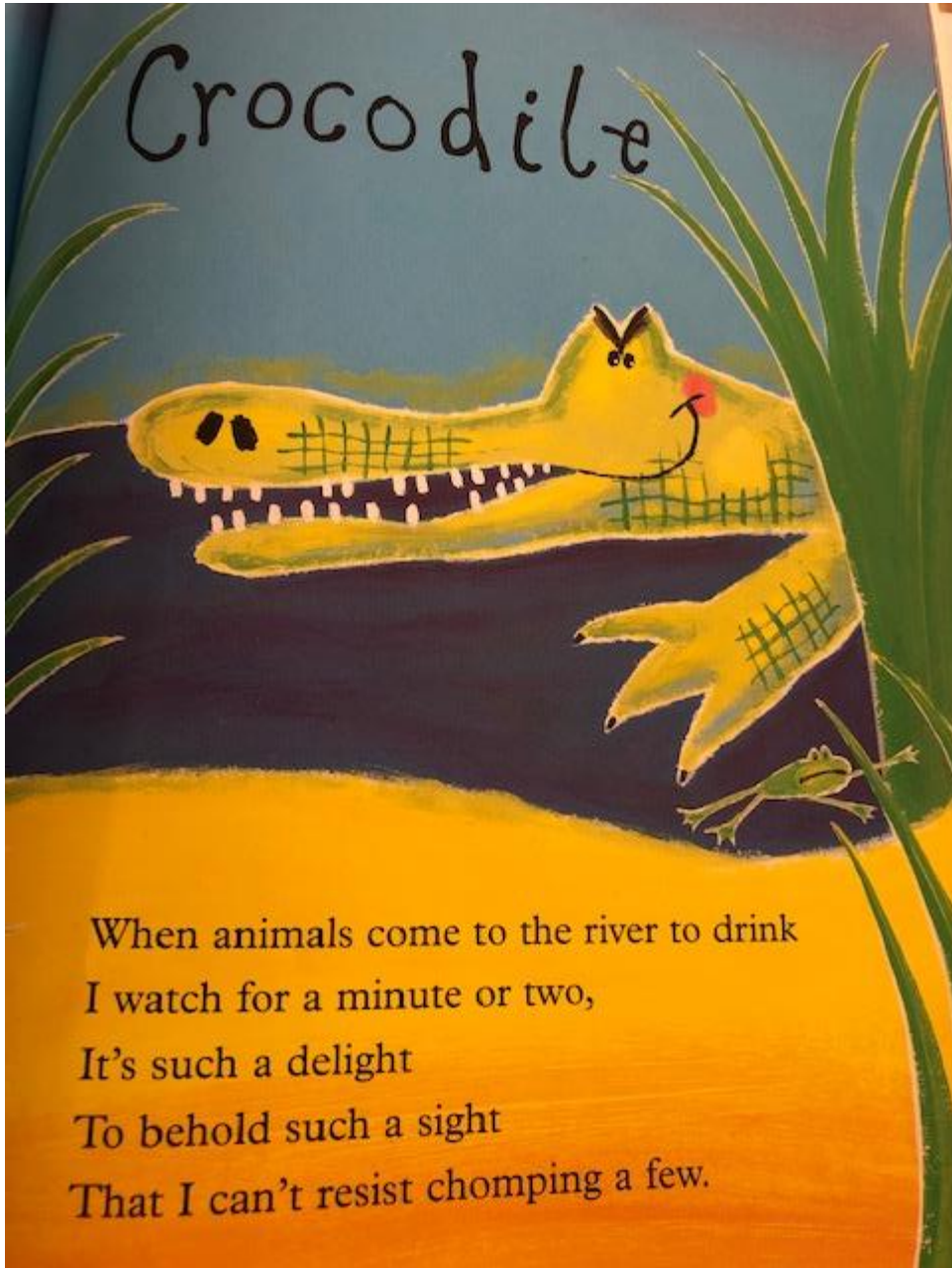
Never shake hands with a lobster
It isn't a wise thing to do,
With a clippety-clap
And a snippety-snap
He would snip all your fingers in two.



Walruses

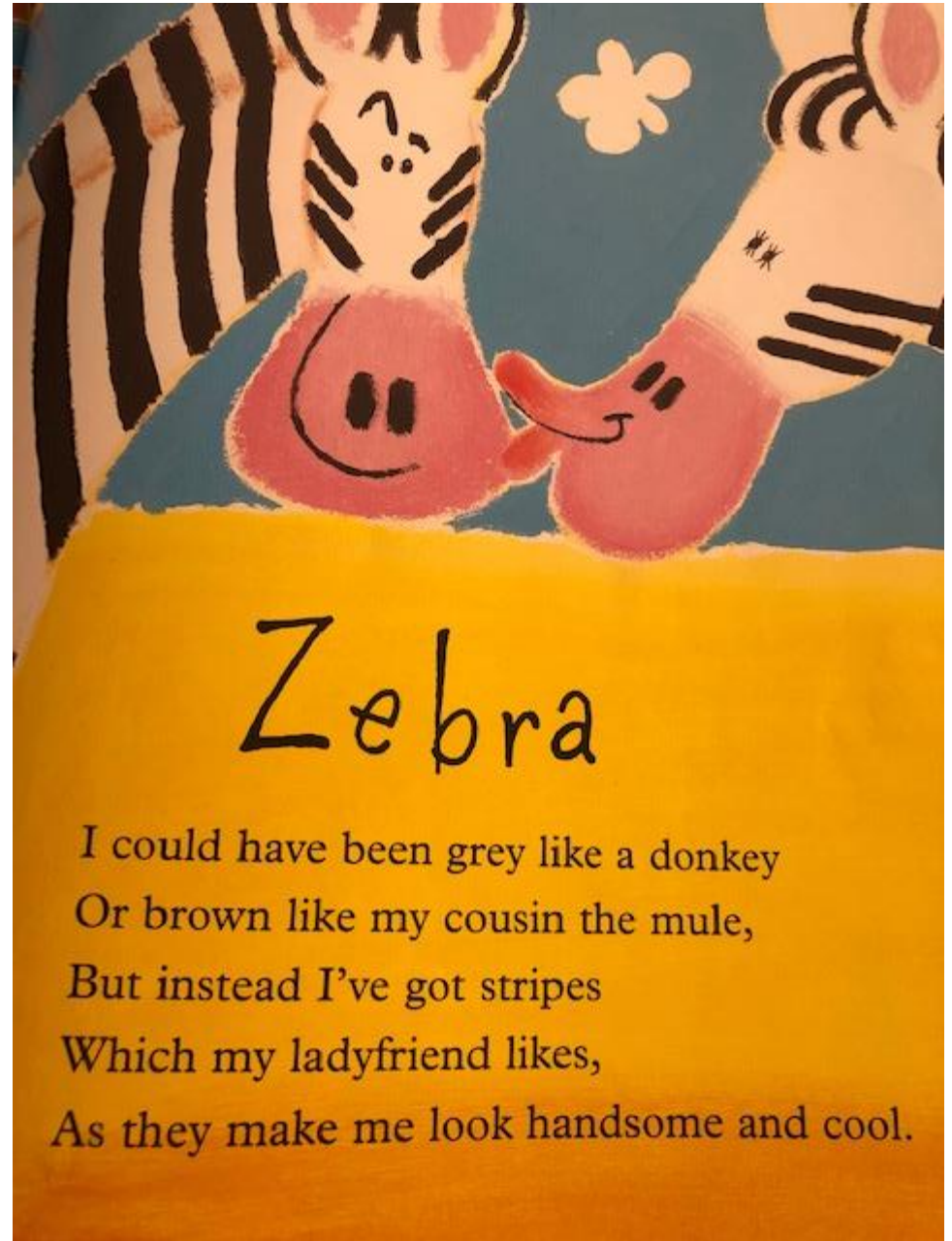
Our bodies are covered with blubber
And our tusks are incredibly long,
We're grumpy and proud
And we bellow out loud
To show that we're mighty and strong.





Crocodile

When animals come to the river to drink
I watch for a minute or two,
It's such a delight
To behold such a sight
That I can't resist chomping a few.



Zebra

I could have been grey like a donkey
Or brown like my cousin the mule,
But instead I've got stripes
Which my ladyfriend likes,
As they make me look handsome and cool.

Here are a few more limericks – they can be about any subject...

There once was a man from Peru
He dreamt that he swallowed his shoe.
He woke up in fright;
In the middle of the night
To learn that his dream had come true!

There once were two cats from Kilkenny.
Each thought that was one cat too many,
So they started to fight
And to scratch and to bite-
Now, instead of two cats, there aren't any.

I know a schoolboy from Dubai,
Who was baked by mistake in a pie.
To his mother's disgust
He emerged through the crust,
And exclaimed, "What a good boy am I!"

A creature of charm is the gerbil
Its diet's exclusively herbal;
It grazes all day
On bunches of hay
Passing gas with an elegant burble!

A bald headed man from Dundee
Lost his wig, in a wind, in a tree;
When looked up and spied it,
A hen was inside it,
And laid him an egg for his tea.

If ice cream could be grown on the tree top,
Tiny tummies would be liking it lots.
Any fruit flavour
For all to savour.
Do stop by at the ice cream tree shop.

Examples to print

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