

Grade 6 English Language Arts
Week of February 8 – February 12

Lesson 2: Rhyming Pattern in Limericks

Did you find the rhyming pattern for Limerick 2?

Lines one, two, and five end with rhyming words.

Lines three and four end with rhyming words.

This is called an AABBA rhyming pattern. "A" stands for the first rhyming sound (lines one, two, and five). "B" stands for the second rhyming sound (lines three and four).

A canner exceedingly canny, (A)
One morning remarked to his granny: (A)
"A canner can can (B)
Anything that he can, (B)
But a canner can't can a can, can he? (A)

Here is a quick video on labelling rhyme schemes. Knowing this will help you to see if your limerick truly fits the limerick pattern.



Rhyme Scheme: <https://youtu.be/XSSmrIZ7zJU>

Now label the rhyming pattern (A) and (B) on each line of "Limerick 2."

Limerick 2

Directions: Label the rhyming pattern using (A) and (B)

There once was a gnu in a the zoo
Who tired of the same daily view.
To seek a new sight
He stole out one night,
And where he went gnobody gnu.

- *By Anonymous*

(Source: Cameron, B., & Cameron, J. (1995). Prism of poetry: Pathways to writing. Scarborough, Ont.: Prentic-Hall Canada)

