

## The Standard We Will Be Addressing In This Unit Is:

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## Writing Objective:

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Today's Standard:

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### Writers Need:

- **Writer's Notebook**
- **Pencil**



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## Connection

Yesterday, we worked on creating synonym and antonym diamante poems. We have also worked on couplets. Today, we will work on creating limericks which are five line poems written with one couplet and one triplet.



# Limerick

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## Limericks

A limerick is a five-line poem written with one couplet and one triplet. If a couplet is a two-line rhyming poem, then a triplet would be a three-line rhyming poem. The rhyme pattern is AABBA with lines 1, 2, and 5 containing three beats and rhyming, and lines 3 and 4 having two beats and rhyming.

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Limericks are meant to be funny. They can contain many different elements of poetry, including hyperbole (exaggerations), onomatopoeia (words that sound like their sounds), idioms, and other figurative devices. The last line of a good limerick is usually a punch line, or the joke of the poem. If you say limericks aloud, you will hear the following rhythm:

Da-duh da-da-duh da-duh-duh  
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## Limerick Examples

There once was a woman from New York  
Who didn't like to eat with a fork  
She made a mess of her food  
Which her waiter thought rude  
That very messy woman from New York

There once was girl named Sally  
Who was the best cook in the valley  
She cooked up a meal  
Of beans, rice, and veal  
And fed all the people in the valley

There once was a mother from France  
Who didn't know how to dance  
She attempted a move  
But couldn't find a groove  
That bad dancing mother from France

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## Limerick Writing

Directions: Fill in the blanks to create your own  
limericks.

There once was a \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Who \_\_\_\_\_

So she/he \_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_

That \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

I once met a \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Every day she/he \_\_\_\_\_

But whenever she/he \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_

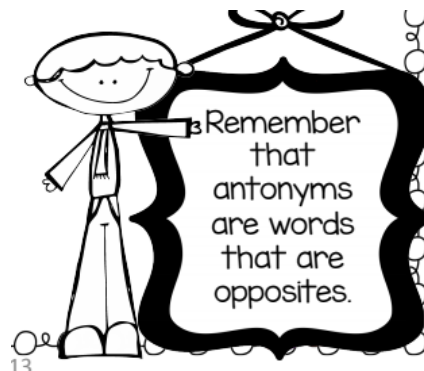
That \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

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## Turn and Talk



- What is a couplet?
- What is a triplet?
- How can you combine to create a limerick?
- Whom will you write your limerick about?



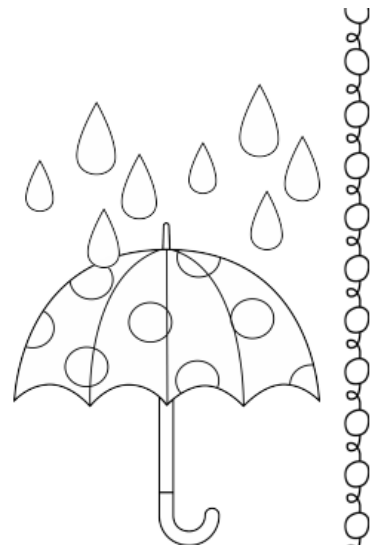
# Watch Me, As I Show You...

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There once was a wonderful star  
Who thought she would go very far  
Until she fell down  
And looked like a clown  
She knew she would never go far.

Damp, Wet  
Rain



# Now, You Try!

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Stop and think

Make a list of a couple of people or creatures you would like to describe in a limerick poem



# Let's Get Writing!

So, today and everyday, whenever you are writing, remember writers are always trying different strategies like the one we learned today:

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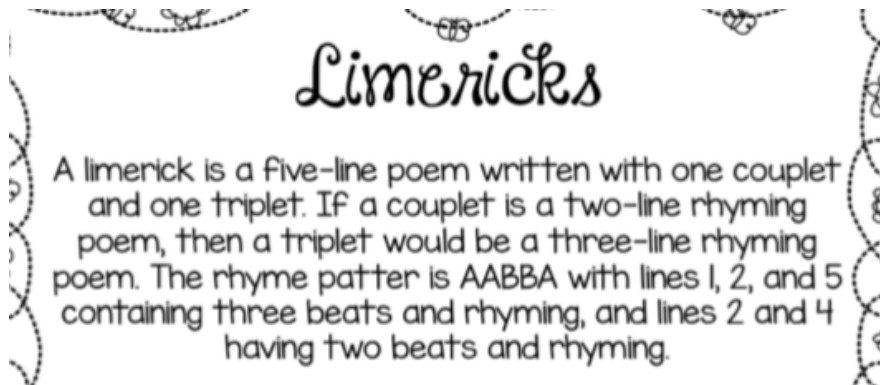


I can write create synonym  
and antonym diamante  
poetry  
by selecting an idea and  
using nouns, verbs  
adjectives,  
synonyms and antonyms to  
describe them and compare  
and contrast ideas

## Let's Remember The Steps:



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## Midworkshop



How can you make sure your limerick is following correct pattern and has the right rhythm?



Let's come together  
for a final share.

**\*What are your thoughts on today's strategy:**

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Who would like to share what they tried to do today  
as a writer?

**LIMERICKS**

