



Rib-Tickling Limericks Contest Entries

We omitted sharing one or two limericks that could be inappropriate for our youngest students. Thanks for understanding.

Hayden, 13, Georgia

There once was a thief named Aladdin
Who fell in love with Jasmine.
He was a street rat;
She didn't see that.
In the end, she chose Aladdin.

Rebekah, 13, Texas

There once was a man from Turkey
He swam in waters that were murky
He jumped in the mud
He landed with a thud
And he came out all dirty

Clayton, 11, Washington

There once was a young cat named Rosy
She was always being nosy
'Til one day I said,
"You shall not be fed
Until you stop being so nosy"

Renee, 13, Ontario

There once was a very old ogre
Whose life was so very sober.
He ate a poor fairy
Who was somewhat hairy
It happened in lonely October.

Emily, 12, Colorado

John looked up and saw from above
The Spirit descending like a dove.
Heaven opened wide,
God called from inside:
"This is my Son whom I am pleased of."

When my mind wanders, it don't come back,
And when my nose runs, one more thing I lack.
I'm falling apart,
All except my heart,
THAT fell apart a long while back.

Oliver, 10, Ontario

There once was a knight named Bill
Who went on a quest for Jill
They rode along home
On a horse made of foam
And they hoped to make the kill

There once was a captain at sea
Who made all his enemy's flea
He defeated the French,
And sat on a bench
For General Wolfe was he

Casey, 15, Florida ~ Honorable Mention

**There once was a girl named Jane
Who waited in line for the train.
It started to pour
She ran for the door.
Getting soaked is always a pain!**

There once was a dog named Bob.
Not Robert ,but we call him Rob.
He hardly could hear
The gas from his rear.
That stinky old dog named Bob.

Caleb, 11, Washington ~ Finalist

**There once was a black Enderdragon
Created with tail a-waggin'.
Before it was dead,
It re-gen'd its head.
I hope my escape won't be laggin'!**

There once was a small group of boys
Who played with their Minecraft toys
They went to the park,
And played until dark,
And had fun with their block-y toys.

Delaney, 11, Florida

There once was a handsome cat, so true
Who adored eating chicken, don't you?
He found some chicken. Meow!
Riding atop a cow!
He got that yummy chicken. Woo hoo!

Onycha, 10, Wisconsin ~ Honorable Mention

**There once was a girl from Montana,
Who wanted to find a banana.
She climbed up a tree,
To see what she could see.
But wind blew her hat to Havana.**

There once was a boy on a poster,
Who wanted to buy a new toaster.
He jabbered with his dad,
To see if he got mad.
And ended up with a used coaster.

Alexander, 12, Washington

There once was a yeti named Gety
Who only ate old spaghetti,
He slept on a bed of confetti.
When he got sweaty he jumped of a jetty,
I wonder what happened to Gety.

Benjamin, 10, Maryland

There once was a sheep that loved to leap,
who wanted to find Little Bo Peep.
A wolf he did meet,
who loved to eat meat.
After that, the poor sheep never leaped.

Melangell, 10, Michigan

Our flag stood tall through the night
Stars and Stripes shining bright
Though tattered still strong
For it waved all night long
No red coats in sight

There once was a pet
Who came back from the vet
Wearing the cone of shame
There was no one to blame,
For that pet was not healed quite yet

Sebastian, 10, Michigan

A cheetah jumps gracefully
To catch its prey
Every day before dawn breaks
As the moon shines off the lake
The cheetah begins to prowl
As it retrieves its prey it howls
It gnaws til' morn
Then sleeps some more
Until dawn again

Oren, 12, Ontario ~ Honorable Mention

**There once was a boy named Elroy.
He fought shouting oi, oi, oi.
He went into battle,
Holding a baby rattle.
He wasn't a very bright boy.**

Lia, 10, Ontario

There was once a caracal,
It was egomaniacal.
It would hunt at night
And catch birds in flight.
Would that not be a spectacle?

Grace, 14, Virginia

There once was a ring-very old
It was made of the evillest gold
So, to restore order,
It was taken to Mordor
by a hobbit, named Frodo, most bold.

Dalton, 14, North Carolina

There was an old man named Gore
Who bought a book about war
When it was rung up
It blew up
He never went back to that store!

Chelsie, 12, North Carolina

There was a lad named Jay
For Jay was awfully brave
As he ran and jumped
He fell on his rump
And that is the story of Jay.

Zion, 12, Kansas

I once knew a fairy named Larry,
and he was extremely scary,
for he had a beard,
and it was so weird,
for Larry the Fairy was hairy.

Shannon, 10, Ontario ~ Honorable Mention

**There once was a small lad named Kent,
Who decided to put up a tent.
The tent, with a thump,
Came down in a clump;
Oh where is that poor little Kent?**

Leah, 13, Ontario ~ 1st Place Winner

**There once was a corny cartoon,
I hoped it would end very soon.
I was glued to the screen,
And the evil machine
Played it almost all afternoon.**

Katie, 11, Virginia

There once was a girl named Yorlenny
Who never paid more than a penny.
She went on her own,
And got her first phone
That really cost more than a penny!

Samuel, 11, Washington

There once was a dog named Pappy
He seemed to always be happy;
But when he peed on a rug
He got hit with a mug
Which killed the dog named Pappy.

There once was a bear named Lenny
Who had no more than a penny,
He went to the fair
And got elected the Mayor;
Which surprised the bear named Lenny.

Nicole, 13, Utah

There was a bad artist named Shaw
Who a stick-figure he chose to draw.
It leapt off the page
And shouted in rage,
"Must I teach you to draw?"

Lydia, 14, Pennsylvania

There once was a boy who ran away
And he got on a bus that very day.
But he soon met a foe
And suffered a blow,
And there far from home he lay.

I'm finding limericks unreachable,
And I'm wondering if I'm teachable.
I'm doing my best,
Not getting any rest,
And finding myself very miserable!

Annie, 12, Iraq ~ Honorable Mention

**There once was a ship called The Squire,
And it met a sad death nearby Shire.
Said Captain to Mate,
"Tis already too late.
Good people the ship is afire."**

Logan, 13, North Carolina

There once was a man who always read
We thought he was reading ahead
So we gave him a look
And took the book
Then sent him off to bed

There once was a dog named Frizzy
Who always got into a tizzy
She chased her ball
Ran into the wall
And got a little bit dizzy

Max, 12, Indiana

Russia initiates an airstrike.
With the government they fight.
It's hard to win
with the wrong men.
Maybe our country will get it right.

Logan, 12, Kansas

There once was a fish from the Nile,
The jump he just did was his final.
For he got caught in a net,
Lame excuse for a net,
That poor young fish from the Nile.

Gabe, 12, Missouri

Buffalo is a word dynamo
It's definitions have an overflow
The huge hairy beast
The city out east
Buffalo buffaloed buffaloes

Brent, 12, Ontario

There once was a boy from Berk
And had a good friend named Kirk
Once they saw a dragon
They rode on a wagon
I wonder what happened to Kirk?

There once was a dog in a bog
And saw a little small frog
He said to the thing
A ring a ding ring
And said good bye to the frog.

Naomi, 10, Ontario

Baking apple pie can be quite fun
When it's done you go play in the sun
You come back quite Famished
So you made it vanish
You are so excited you go run.

Elijah, 11, Illinois

I once had a hot dog in a bun.
He woke up and said he was a nun.
Then there was a loud POP,
And he dropped with a PLOP.
I didn't realize hot dogs could run.

Olivia, 11, Hawaii

Clorinda is baking a cookie,
Her skill was not close to a cooky,
Ka boom went the flour,
Clorinda would shower,
To bad she was only a rookie.

I am an astronomer you see,
My life is perfect for royalty,
I study the stars,
and venus and mars,
and then usually come home for tea

Hannah, 14, Arkansas ~ Honorable mention

In the woods, running free, was a bear,
And, with whom, the pioneers could not bear.
So they ran forth with bows,
Acting as the bear's foes,
And in the end the bear was stripped bare.

**A hungry girl once lived in Chile.
Southern Chile was always quite chilly.
She was relieved when she found,
Lying there on the ground,
A big, spicy pot of warm chili.**

Kara, 12, Arkansas

There once was a chubby pug named Beez
Who adored eating creamy Brie cheese.
Until one day he stopped,
Upon the ground he flopped,
When he saw I had seized all his cheese.

Tess was a flexible acrobat
The girl was also a snarky brat.
She flipped without a mat,
On her face she fell flat,
Do you think prideful Tess deserved that?

Nikki, 11, Arizona

There once was a dog named Rubble.
His person was in big trouble.
He got the police.
The person said, "Please."
They sent an ambulance on the double.

Mara, 12, Wisconsin

Silver is made into rings
And all sorts of silv'ry things
And when we get silver
It looks very shilver*
And doves have silvery wings.

*Shilver: very shiny

The seasons change all of the time.
Whether summer, fall, or springtime.
You go out to play,
Most every day,
It'll happen, I bet you a dime.

Sarah, 11, Arizona

There once was a joyful man named Frank.
Who decided to eat a young snake,
He roasted its head,
The snake was not dead.
Do you know what happened to young Frank?

Linus, 11, California

There once was a whirlwind of fear
Who liked to pick up a few deer
'Twould bring them together
In any ol' weather
And then their horns it would sheer

There once was the Pokémon Darkrai
It made all the folks in the park cry
It gathered the shadows
Returned to the hallows
That crazy old Pokémon Darkrai

Nathan, 12, Maryland ~ Honorable Menrion

**There once was a man of the Nile
He met a large crocodile
He punched its nose
And it bit off his toes
And the croc walked away with a smile**

Christopher, 14, Tennessee ~ 3rd Place Winner

**There once was a fellow from Danville
Who struggled to carry his anvil.
It fell on his toe,
And he watched his toe grow
Until all he could wear was a sandal.**

Zoe, 13, Ontario

Here's a squirrel, his name is Earl
He does jumps, leaps, lands and twirls
His only flaw, he adores
What he's simply mad for
Are nuts! But he's still Fantastic Earl!

Hannah, 12, Maryland

There once was an old snowman
He traveled to Manhattan
Even though there were cold treats
The heat still came from the streets
But now, where is the snowman?

There was a tiny toddler named Burlap
In the zoo he would shout "whap, whap!"
He is young for a tale of woe
But if seen the crowd goes "Oh!"
At the end of day he sits on a lion's lap.

Reed, South Carolina

On a chess board, there once was a pawn.
He so loved to bathe himself with Dawn.
But the king was upset,
and the pawn did protest.
Then, there was "no more Dawn for the pawn!"

Grace, 12, Illinois

There once was a young girl named Grove,
Who once lived in a white-washed cove,
A sprinkle sprit in,
And wet her new kin,
“Hullo! A wet boy! By Jove!”

Annika, 11, British Columbia

There was a lovely smell in the trash
I rushed to the odor in a flash
My head peaked inside
Eat the food I tried
But the trash toppled down with a crash

Amber, 13, Wisconsin

Aurora and I deep in a fight
And both of us have a grip that's tight,
My hand is now numb,
I twisted my thumb,
Time to stop because there goes the light.

Let us talk awhile, and sing songs too.
Do you know a song about some goo?
No, I don't know that.
How about a cat?
Anyone else have a song to do?

Trinity, 13, Missouri

There once was a girl named Blank,
Who decided to go rob a bank.
By police she was caught,
And declared to be rot,
And was thrown in a cell that quite stank.

Gabrielle, 12, Indiana

There once was a pencil named Nat
Who came across a stencil named Pat.
"Hello," said the stencil.
"Goodbye," said the stencil.
And that was the end of that.

Megan lie on the edge of her bed.
"I won't fall off," she said.
She fell from the height
A bit after midnight
And appeared a small bump on her head.

Michael, 13, Ontario ~ Honorable Menrion

There once was a boy from Bel-Air
Who went to his aunties for care
And though he was fresh
He didn't quite get
Why they were an unlikely pair

**There once was a boy from Canoe
Who stopped his limerick on line two.**

Rachel, 12, Ontario ~ Finalist

**There once was a girl who loved to dance
Wherever she went she did a prance
Her tights didn't fit
When she did a split
And a ripping noise came from her pants.**

Sebastian, 10, Mississippi

There once was a boy from Schmat
Who decided to follow a cat;
He got lost on a path
And forgot all his math;
How will he get back to Schmat?

Joshua, 14, New York ~ Finalist

There once was a Sith Lord named Vader
Whose name was as deadly as his saber
He looked for the plans
But he lost his hands
To someone who thought he was greater .

**A Jedi named Yoda there was
Drink Mountain Dew soda he does
"Do or do not"
"Try there is not"
Secret skills from a caffeine buzz.**

Johnathan, 15, Tennessee ~ 2nd Place Winner

**The soldier went down in the mud.
The medic was looking for blood.
He said, "You're in luck.
The bullet that struck
Was made in Taiwan – it's a dud!"**

Timothy, age 12, Tennessee

There was a strange man named Joe.
He fought an orange alien named Bo.
He continued to fight
With all his might
But was never able to defeat Bo.

Marti, age 12, Tennessee

If my dad could walk on his hands,
He could walk across the Alaskan lands.
All his change would fall out,
And we would all laugh stout,
And we *would* have more change on our hands.

Judah, 10, Georgia

There once was a boy named Cory,
Who needed to write a story.
With only five lines,
That all had to rhyme,
And not allowed to be gory.

Ambrose, 13, Tennessee

An army of weapons I'll build
The boss won't win, I will
I shall swing my sword
And defeat Monster hoards!
DANGIT! Yet again, I get killed!

Joe, 15, Illinois

There once was a man named Mike
He loved to ride a bike
Until one day
When said his wife Fey
It's just about time for a hike

Tristan, 13, Texas

There was a young boy full of wrath
And he really disliked his math.
His textbook he burned,
His lesson he learned:
He was grounded because of his math!

Camden, 10, Michigan

Eager to hunt his first mallard duck
The boy got distracted by a buck
He shot the cold air
Creating a flare
But sadly no water fowl was struck.

Ryker, 12, Michigan

Performance sports cars hijacked his mind,
Lamborghini and all of its kind.
Until with harsh shock
and no more sweet talk,
the steep price tag was there to remind.

Samuel, 13, Missouri

There once was a young man named Bill
Who lived in a house on a hill
And bread he did eat,
Though allergic to wheat.
Oh, that poor young man named Bill.

Emerson, 10, Calgary

There once was a girl from Kentucky
Who really wasn't very lucky.
She ran in a race,
And fell on her face,
Poor little girl from Kentucky.

There once was a man named Frank
He had a good friend named Hank.
They both sailed away
In a ship made of hay,
And half way through they sank.

Jael, 11, British Columbia

Jared is a small red beta fish
Who likes to make his long tail swish
Goes on a quick ride
Without any pride
Yet prefers his life in his warm dish

There once was a mouse that was a Runt,
Who never ever muttered a grunt,
He had some hard times,
Yet he did no crimes,
But he found bravery on his hunt.