

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.
~Yogi Berra

Web Sites

Limerick Day

12th May each year

*There was a young fellow named Lear
Who invented Limericks, we hear,
so now we converse
in humorous verse
on Limerick Day every year*

- *Named for the Irish city of Limerick, this much loved verse form was popularized by Edward Lear (not invented alas, but 'popularize' didn't scan...) and could date back as much as five hundred years. Its distinctive metre and AABBA rhyming scheme lend themselves well to nonsense verse, and so Limericks are often childish.*
- *Why not celebrate Limerick Day this year with a copy of Edward Lear's original 1846 opus, 'A Book of Nonsense', and recite all 72 of his Limericks to your astounded family, friends and colleagues? Alternatively, make up some of your own! All it takes is some spare time, a sense of rhythm and a warped or silly imagination.*

[EDSITEment: Edward Lear, Limericks, and Nonsense: A Little Nonsense](https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/edward-lear-limericks-and-nonsense-little-nonsense)

In this lesson plan, students will consider Edward Lear, Limericks, and Nonsense: A Little Nonsense. Worksheets and other supporting materials can be found under the Resources tab.

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[Kalliope Poetics: Online Poetry Workshop](http://www.anitra.net/kalliope/limerick.html)

This site tells what a limerick is and, gives a few instructions on how to write one. It also includes info on the traditions of the limerick.

<http://www.anitra.net/kalliope/limerick.html>

[UPenn: Poetic Terms and Types](http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/88/poetic-terms.html)

Click on these terms for an excellent definition of these poetic terms, some from the Oxford English Dictionary. Includes types of poetry as well as terms.

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Hardware/Software

Magnify

I use this a lot. Settings>General>Accessibility>Magnifier toggle to On (green), now when you triple-click the Home button you can choose to use iPhone as a magnifying glass.

Hints/Tips

Who is calling?

Siri can speak to you to let you know who is calling. Enable this in Settings>Phone>Announce Calls. You can choose to have this kick in all the time, or only when you are using headphones (for privacy's sake).

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

Did you hear about the dyslexic atheist?

He doesn't think there is a dog.

How do you know when an owl is tired?

When he doesn't give a hoot.

What did the bee say when he got home?

Hi honey.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on May 15:

1856 Lyman Frank Baum Chittenango NY, children's book author (Wizard of Oz)

1859 Pierre Curie France, physicist (Nobel 1903)

1860 Ellen Louise Axson Wilson 1st wife of Woodrow Wilson

1918 Eddy Arnold Henderson TN, country singer (Cattle Call, Anytime)

1946 Chazz Palminteri Bronx NY, actor (Jade, Diabolique, Bronx Tale)

1953 George Brett Wheeling WV, Kansas City Royal 3rd baseman (1980 American League MVP)

1955 Lee Horsley Muleshoe TX, actor (Nero Wolfe, Matt Houston)

1967 John Smoltz Detroit MI, pitcher (Atlanta Braves, 1996 Cy Young)

1975 Ray Lewis linebacker (Baltimore Ravens)

On this day...

1567 Mary, Queen of Scots marries James Hepburn, Earl of Bothwell
1911 Supreme Court dissolves Standard Oil (Sherman Antitrust Act)
1928 Mickey Mouse made his 1st appearance
1953 Heavyweight Rocky Marciano KOs Joe Walcott in Chicago for heavyweight boxing title
1963 Peter, Paul & Mary win their 1st Grammy (If I Had a Hammer)
1973 California Angel Nolan Ryan's 1st no-hitter beats Kansas City Royals, 3-0
1991 President Bush takes Queen Elizabeth to Oakland A's-Baltimore Oriole game

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