

BOLSOVER READING GROUP
READING and WRITING EXERCISE

Limericks from 'The Book of Nonsense' by Edward Lear (1887)

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/edward-lear>

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Book_of_Nonsense

Try to replace the last sentence of each Limerick but still make it rhyme

There was a young lady from Hull,
Who was chased by a very mad bull;
But she seized on a spade,
And called out, "Who's afraid?"

Which distracted that virulent bull.

There was an old man with a nose,
who said, "If you choose to suppose,
that my nose is too long,
you are certainly wrong!"

that remarkable man with a nose.

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared!—
Two owls and a Hen, four Larks and a Wren,

Have all built their nests in my beard.

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There was a Young Lady whose bonnet
Came untied when the birds sat upon it;
But she said, "I don't care!
All the birds in the air
Are welcome to sit on my bonnet!"

There was a young person of Smyrna,
Whose grandmother threatened to burn her,
But she seized on the cat,
And said, 'Granny, burn that!
You incongruous old woman of Smyrna!"
