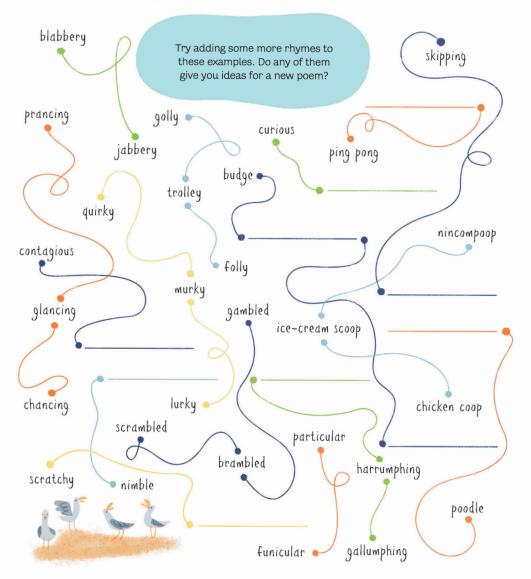
Ridiculous rhymes

One of the tools poets use to give poems a special sound and feel is rhymes – words that end in the same, or nearly the same, sound. Your poems don't have to rhyme, but it can be a lot of fun thinking up amusing rhymes.



Ludicrous limericks

One kind of rhyming poem with a rollicking rhythm is called a limerick. Limericks usually give a silly, bizarre description of an imaginary person. Often, that person's home town or country is mentioned in the first line.

The poet from Crewe

There was a young poet from Crewe who slowly composed a haiku: he wrote his first line at a quarter to nine and he finished aged seventy—two.

The balloonist

There once was an old man from Spain too frightened to travel by plane; he tied some balloons to his blue pantaloons and floated from Cádiz to Maine.

Note: A haiku is a very short poem.

Limericks are usually five lines long.

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Write your own limerick here:	

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"A young lady of Lynn" by Anonymous

"How awkward when playing with glue" by Constance Levy

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