

Ed's Reading Room

The Accidental Secret Agent

by Tom McLaughlin

Ed's Poetry

Limericks have five lines. Lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme with each other and have seven to ten syllables; lines 3 and 4 also rhyme with each other and have five to seven syllables.

Limericks are thought to come from the Irish town of Limerick. They are usually amusing!

Read this limerick then write a limerick of your own about a spy.

The Spy

There once was a spy called Lou,
Who dreamed he was locked in a zoo.
He woke in the night
And found with a fright
That it wasn't a dream - it was true.

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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Spy jokes

Here are Ed's favourite jokes about spies. Try and find some more or make some up yourself.

Why did the spy speak in a whisper?

Because he was on a hush-hush mission.

What do you call a frog spy?

A croak and dagger agent.

Look at the illustrations in this book then do an illustration of your own in the same style. Decide whether to do it in black and white or in colour.

