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**Doc A. *A limerick: The Book of Nonsense***

*Help: A limerick is a* [*humorous*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/humorous) *poem of five lines, with the* [*rhyme*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/rhyme)[*scheme*](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/scheme) *aabba. The first, second, and fifth lines usually have 7 to 10 syllables while the third and fourth lines have 5 to 7. They follow the same rhythmical pattern.*

1. Rephrase the story told in the limerick in your own words. Say what makes it funny.

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1. Read the limerick aloud and find out what matters in this form of verse: the sound, the meaning, the rhythm, the humour…

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**Doc. B. *Miranda Hart***

1. Tick the correct meaning for the following phrase “to wish the ground would swallow (one) up”:
* to wish somebody dead
* to wish one could have an escape or some instant relief from being extremely embarrassed
* to wish one could dig something out of the ground
1. Tell the story using the following words. *churchyard – grave – funeral – vicar*

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1. Fill in the grid with relevant humorous elements taken from your group’s document (not all the boxes should be filled in). Then, after listening to the other groups, complete the grid by ticking the boxes relevant to their document.

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|  | **Doc A** | **Doc B** | **Doc C** | **Doc D** |
| **Play on words** |  |  |  |  |
| **Mockery** |  |  |  |  |
| **Apparent seriousness** |  |  |  |  |
| **Self-criticism** |  |  |  |  |
| **Absurd/Meaningless elements** |  |  |  |  |
| **Sound effects** |  |  |  |  |
| **Morbid elements** |  |  |  |  |
| **Rhythmical pattern** |  |  |  |  |