



Limericks are amusing little nonsense poems. They are very popular in Britain. Limerick is the name of a town in Ireland.

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!"

There was a young man from Peru,
 who dreamt he was eating his shoe.
 He awoke in the night
 in a terrible fright -
 and found it was perfectly true.

There was a young lady of Riga
 who went for a ride on a tiger.
 They came back from the ride
 with the lady inside
 and a smile on the face of the tiger.

There was a young man of Herne Bay,
 who was making explosives one day.
 But he dropped his cigar
 in the gunpowder jar -
 There *was* a young man of Herne Bay.



There was a young lady of Spa
 who wanted to drive in her car.
 But she didn't take
 her foot off the brake.
 So she didn't get very far.

Change into the past tense:

1. She goes for a ride –...*She went for a ride.*
2. Then she comes back.....
3. There's a man with a beard.
4. He says something.
5. They build a house.....
6. I awake early.
7. I dream I'm in Peru.....
8. She's making shoes.....
9. He drops his pencil.
10. I find it's true.....
11. He doesn't get very far.
12. She wants to drive in her car.

STRONG VERBS

(=irregular verbs)

be	was	been
say	said	said
build	built	built
dream	dreamt	dreamt
awake	awoke	awoken
find	found	found
go	went	gone
come	came	come
do	did	done

WEAK VERBS

(=regular verbs; past and p.p. -ed)

drop	dropped	dropped
want	wanted	wanted