

Limericks

Question 15: Who was eaten by a dog?

- a) old man from Peru
- b) Maggie
- c) man from Bengal
- d) old woman of Harrow

Question 16: This is the first line of a limerick: "There once was a baker called Price". The fifth line could end with the word

- a) bread.
- b) slice.
- c) maker.
- d) crusty.

Question 17: What was Dan's problem?

- a) He couldn't see the film.
- b) The man in front of him had a hat on.
- c) The man in front was really a bean.
- d) The film was not very good.

Question 18: Which statement about limericks is correct?

- a) Most limericks are written in Ireland as they originated in the town of Limerick.
- b) Limericks are a suitable vehicle for sarcastic verse.
- c) Limericks can take any form as long as there are two rhyming schemes.
- d) Limericks have been enjoyed for hundreds of years.

Question 19: The word suspect is intended to imply that the

- a) writer of the limerick is a known offender.
- b) subject matter of the limerick might be unacceptable.
- c) quality of the writing is poor and the subject matter frivolous.
- d) limerick has varied from the traditionally accepted form for no apparent reason.

Question 20: Who went visiting in a strange conveyance?

- a) a small maiden named Maggie
- b) the man in front of Dan
- c) the man from Bengal
- b) an old woman of Harrow

Question 21: Although limericks are often offensive, they are still popular because they

- a) are intended as amusement rather than as an insult.
- b) have surprise endings that don't need explaining.
- c) use spontaneous rhymes and an unexpectedly wide variety of rhythms.
- d) contain blatant absurdity and are a thinly veiled parody of real verse.