

Using limericks and poetry

Uses

- Auditory memory
- Awareness of patterns of language, rhyme, etc
- Can be used for
 - Reading practice
 - Cloze exercises
 - Rhyming exercises
 - Sequencing

There was a young man from Bengal
Who went to a fancy dress ball.
He said "I will risk it,
And go as a biscuit".
And the dog ate him up in the hall.

There once was a farmer from Leeds
Who ate six packets of seeds.
It soon came to pass
He was covered with grass
And he couldn't sit down for the weeds!

There was a young woman named Bright
Whose speed was much faster than light.
She set out one day
In a relative way
And returned on the previous night.

There was a young maid from Madras
Who had a magnificent ass.
Not rounded and pink
As you probably think....
It was grey, had long ears and ate grass.

Jack and Jill
Went up the hill
To get a pail of water.
Silly Jill
Forgot her pill
And now they have a daughter.

In days of old
When knights were bold
And condoms weren't invented.
They tied their socks
Around their cocks
And babies were prevented.

There was an old lady from Kent
Whose nose was remarkably bent.
One day, they suppose,
That she followed her nose
But nobody knows where she went.

Drinking Fountain

When I climb up
To get a drink
It doesn't work
The way you'd think.

I turn it up.
The water goes
And hits me right
Upon the nose

I turn it down
To make it small
And don't get any
Drink at all

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
and watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.