

## Limerick Competitions (3)

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### (1) Richardson's Forecast Factory

Write a limerick describing **Richardson's Forecast Factory**, with the 64,000 (human) computers busily calculating tomorrow's weather.

PRIZE: Book, *The Emergence of Numerical Weather Prediction: Richardson's Dream*, by Peter Lynch.

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### (2) Galileo

Write a limerick about **Galileo**. One of the long lines must end with the name "Galileo". You will have to find appropriate rhymes for this.

PRIZE: A Galileo thermometer.

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### (3) Banff, Alberta

Write a limerick about **BIRS**, the Banff International Research Station, or the **Banff Centre**. One of the lines **must** end in "Alberta" or "Banff" (if you can find things to rhyme with "Banff" you will get extra credit).

PRIZE: *Rambling Round Ireland: a Commodius Vicus of Recirculation*, by Peter Lynch.

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To give you an idea of how to proceed, here is a limerick about Richardson's Forecast (recall that he got a forecast of 145 hPa / 6 hours, or 14,500 Pascals):

Young Richardson wanted to know  
How quickly the pressure would grow.  
But, what a surprise, 'cos  
The six-hourly rise was,  
In Pascals, One Four Five — Oh Oh!

There must be five lines, with a rhythm like that in the example above. It should be funny if possible, but not rude. Most of the best limericks are rude, but we don't want any of that smut here, do we?

Good luck.

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### Rules

- All Summer School student participants are free to enter all three competitions, and all are encouraged to do so. Remember this: *If you're not in, you can't win!*
  - Please write each entry on a separate sheet of plain paper. Don't forget to add your name.
  - Students can work together in pairs or teams. That's much more fun but, if your team wins, you will have to work out how to share the prize!
  - Only one prize will be awarded to any one participant or team, even if he, she or they come first in two or more competitions. It's a tough world!
  - Closing date: Noon, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July (Bastille Day).
  - Final rule: The organizers reserve the right to change the rules without warning!
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