

FRANCIS



A few years ago, Francis ¹ _____ (be) up in Quetico with her family. They ² _____ (camp) in a remote part of the park on the shore of one of the deepest lakes. One night after her family ³ _____ (go) to bed, Francis ⁴ _____ (take) the row boat out. She ⁵ _____ (leave) the shore and rowed for about 20 minutes until she ⁶ _____ (find) the lake's deepest spot. Suddenly, she ⁷ _____ (hear) something strange: it was like a knock. The knocking ⁸ _____ (come) from the bottom of the boat. Francis ⁹ _____ (be) very scared and

¹⁰ _____ (hold) onto each side of the boat to make sure she wouldn't fall off. As the knocks ¹¹ _____ (become) louder and louder, Francis ¹² _____ (try) to row back to the shore but the boat ¹³ _____ (not move). It was after that night that Francis was never seen again. The only thing they found was a journal she ¹⁴ _____ (take) with her. In it were her frantic jottings, all written in her distinctive handwriting. All but the last page. When the journal was found, the page was still wet, and on it were four words. They said, "I did knock first."