

Skipping Rocks

(Story word: sideways)

Fran is good at skipping rocks. Sometimes she can make a rock skip six or seven times when she skips it on the lake.

She likes to help her pals skip rocks and shares her methods with them.

You have to find stones that are made for skipping. A stone that is too small will not skip. A stone must have some heft and bulk. And rocks that have a flat shape are the best.

One thing that you cannot plan for is the water. If there are big waves on a lake, those waves will block your rock. Your rock will skip one or two times at most before crashing into a wave. When the lake is flat like glass, a rock can skip many times.

Even when the lake has waves and is not the best for skipping, you can still polish your skipping skills for next time. When the lake becomes tranquil again, you will be all set with your skills.

As you would expect, there is a trick to how you toss the rock to make it skip. Fran likes to help her pals by demonstrating the way she tosses her rocks with a quick, sideways toss.

If you asked Fran, “Why do you like skipping rocks?”

She would tell you, “I do not know. It is just fun!”