

A TRUE STORY

(MORE WORRIED ABOUT GRAMMAR IDENTIFICATION THAN THE PUNCTUATION)

- 1) When we finally emerged onto Bryson Lake the light was nearly gone.

- 2) A nearly full moon was on the rise.

- 3) Listening to the roar of the motor, feeling the cool spray of the water and the warm night breeze, and watching as celestial nightlight guided us to camp, we rode the motorboat home. {This sort of sentence is affectionately known as a crowd pleaser.}

- 4) It was nearly an hour-long trip with Cappy at the helm.

- 5) Near the end, Dayboy and I were watching closely for the shrub shoal that we had seen earlier in the day.

- 6) We figured we were close and would see it in the moonlight.

7) Finally, I motioned with my hand for Cappy to slow down and yelled over the motor: "The shoal is near!"

8) Cappy shook his head, motioning that he could not hear, sped up, and immediately hit the shoal.

9) The motor was still running after the encounter, but it was running very roughly, so we were relieved when we saw a roaring campfire that marked our cabin.

10) We pulled up to the dock, got out, and joined Buck and Nightboy at "happy after dinner and getting late" hour.