



The Black Aeroplane Question Answers

Thinking about the Text

Q.1. "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?

Ans. The risk was to fly through the dark storm clouds. The narrator was keen to reach his home to spend his holiday with his family. So, he decided to fly through the storm as he did not want to miss the chance to meet his family at breakfast. Thus he took the risk even when the visibility was almost zero in the storm.

Q.2. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

Ans. It was a breathtaking experience for the narrator. Above all, it was very risky when he took the plane into the cloudy storm as he was short of fuel. The aeroplane was shrieking and twisting because of the dark, stormy weather. Unfortunately, his radio, compass, and all other technical inputs had stopped functioning. He wondered how to deal with such a situation. The narrator was completely in a state of dilemma.

Q.3. Why does the narrator say, "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota..."?

Ans. When the aeroplane was safely landed by him, he wished to thank the pilot of the black aeroplane who had saved his life. To reach the control room and connect to the latter, he had to walk at a distance, but he didn't mind doing it. He didn't feel sorry to walk from the old Dakota to thank him because it put his life in danger..

Q.4. What made the woman in the control center look at the narrator strangely?

Ans. When the narrator reached the control room, he asked the woman sitting there to find and connect him to the pilot who had saved his life. This made her surprised as she confirmed to him that there was no other aeroplane flying in the sky. She couldn't understand how to react but was left in astonishment.

Q.5. Who do you think helped the narrator to reach safely? Discuss this among yourselves and give reasons for your answer.

Ans. It is clearly evident from the story that the narrator was flying alone in the sky. The woman in the control centre had also confirmed that no one was there except him. I believe that it would have been his sixth sense or probably imagination (illusion) that fondled him with someone's presence who saved him from death.