



I. His First Flight

Two Stories About Flying Questions and Answers

THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT

Q.1 Why was the young seagull afraid to fly? Do you think all young birds are afraid to fly or are some birds more timid than others? Do you think a human baby also finds it a challenge to take its first step?

Ans. The young seagull thought that his wings were too weak to support him, so he was afraid to fly. I think all birds are afraid to fly for the first time and some birds are more timid than others I think a human baby also faces difficulties in taking the first steps. It falls down many times and tries again. And finally, it gets success.

Q.2 "The sight of the food maddened him" What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly? [BSER EXAM 2012].

Ans. This suggests that the young seagull was extremely hungry. He had not eaten anything for the last twenty-four hours. He uttered a joyful scream when his mother picked up a piece of fish and flew across him with it.

He dived at the fish and fell outwards and downward. It compelled him to flop his wings. So he made his first flight.

Q.3 "They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly." Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly?

Ans: The seagull's father and mother threatened him. and cajoled him to fly because if he did not learn to fly, he would starve to death. His parents wanted him to fly by any means:

Q.4 Have you ever had a similar experience, where your parents encouraged you to do something that you were too scared to try? Discuss this in pairs or groups.

Ans. Yes, I also had a similar experience. It was when I was only 8 years old. I was learning bicycle riding. At first, I was scared to sit on the bicycle and paddle it. My father helped me a lot by holding the bicycle and encouraging me. I was just looking at my feet to paddle the bicycle. But he guided me to look forward and control the handle. Gradually, I mustered up my courage and learn to ride it properly at last.

Q.5 . In the case of a bird flying, it seems a natural act, and a foregone conclusion that it should succeed. In the examples you have given in answer to the previous question, was your success guaranteed, or was it important for you to try, regardless of the possibility of failure?

Ans. When I started learning to bicycle at first, it was not guaranteed that I would be able to learn it successfully or not. It all depended on my willpower. I wanted to learn bicycle riding and was ready to take every step to accomplish this task. I didn't care how many times I fell or got hurt. Finally, I was successful in my task due to hard work and strong determination.

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Two Stories About Flying Extra Questions and Answers

Q.1 How was the young seagull treated by his parents initially when he could not master up the courage to fly? (Two Stories About Flying Questions and Answers)

Ans. First, his parents encouraged him, coaxed him then scolded and taunted him for his cowardice. They even threatened to let him starve if he did not fly.

Q. 2 How was the young seagull experiencing his first flight?

Ans. A horrible fear caught the seagull when he spread his wings. But he could feel his wings cutting through the air. He was soaring gradually downwards and outwards. He felt a bit dizzy.. Fear had left him.

Q.3 How did the young seagull learn to float on the seawater?

Ans. When the young seagull dropped his legs to stand on the green sea, his legs sank into it. He screamed with fright. He flapped his wings. He was tired and weak with hunger. He couldn't fly. His belly touched the water. He started floating on the water.

Q.4 Why did the young seagull feel miserable on the ledge?

Ans. The young seagull felt very miserable on the ledge as he was alone and his family had already flown away. He was feeling very hungry and had nothing to eat. He couldn't even dive for fish.

Q.5 What do you think about the aptness of the title, 'His first flight'?

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Justify the title, " His first flight."

Ans. The title is apt and suggestive. The whole of the action in the story centers on the first flight of the young seagull. It suggests the first flight of life. Not only the birds but also human beings have to come out of their homes and make a place in the outer world...