

## Class 10<sup>th</sup> - First flight

### Ch. 3 - Two Stories About flying

This Chapter has two different stories related to the experiences of flying. Both the stories are unique and interesting.

**In part 1 - “His First Flight”** written by Liam OH Hearty, we come to know about a young seagull bird who is afraid of flying. It feels that its wings are not strong enough to make it fly. How he overcomes this fear which all of us face while trying a new venture and the story of his successful maiden flight has been beautifully narrated in the lesson.

The story of His First Flight is based on a young seagull who is afraid to fly because of distrust on its wings. All his younger siblings can fly fearlessly despite their shorter wings. On the other hand, the young bird cannot gather the courage to trust his wings. He always becomes afraid when coming forward to the brink of the ledge and attempting to fly. His mother and father come around calling him and threatening him starve on the ledge unless he flies. Despite all the upbraiding and calling to him shrilly, he could not move. All-day long he watches his parents fly with his siblings and teaching them how to skim the waves.

One day the whole family flies to a big plateau and on the opposite cliff, the seagull is sitting hungry. He begs his mother to bring him some food. His mother picks a piece of fish and flies across to him. Maddened by hunger, he jumped at the fish with a loud shout. He falls outward and downward into space and he can feel his wings cutting through the air. The next moment he is flying fearlessly and his siblings soaring and diving with him.

**In part 2- “Black Aeroplane”** written by Frederick Forsryth, we see a pilot who is on his flight back home to England. The story narrates the incident that happens on the way and how he escapes death miraculously.

The narrator of the story, Black Aeroplane is a pilot who elaborates on his misjudgment and how it creates problems. In the lesson, the pilot is flying from Paris to London and dreams about the holiday with his family. He is flying over a city and thinks about the tasty breakfast after landing. After crossing Paris he gets a look of the dark clouds, signifying the upcoming storm. For the sake of safety, he should turn back to Paris but he decided otherwise. To fulfil his dream of a holiday, he risks the life of passengers and heads the plane into the storm.

Everything gets dark and all the instruments stop working. He lost control of the plane and the hope of their survival becomes bleak. The very less amount of fuel is left and the pilot starts panicking in the situation. Suddenly he sees another plane flying next to him through the storm. The pilot turns his plane to the north in order to follow the strange Aeroplane. The pilot starts

frightening again as the fuel is getting low. The anonymous pilot guides them out of the storm and disappears. After landing, the pilot asks about the other plane but is left in shock to know that there was no other plane in the sky, except his.

*Message in Two Stories about Flying*

The first part of the story tells us that the inner strength, hope and confidence of the person is always helpful in overcoming difficult situations, while the second part tells us that the world is full of wonders and miracles, yet we should not risk the lives of others to fulfill our dreams.

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