

FIRST FLIGHT

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
CHAPTER NUMBER: 3
CHAPTER NAME : TWO STORIES FLYING
UNIT -1- HIS FIRST FLIGHT
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CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTHOR

Born	28 August 1896 <u>Inishmore</u> , Ireland
Died	7 September 1984 (aged 88) <u>Dublin</u> , Ireland
Occupation	Author
Literary movement	Irish Renaissance
Spouse	<u>Margaret Barrington</u>
Partner	Kitty Tailer
Children	Pegeen, Joyce
Relatives	<u>Tom O'Flaherty</u> , his brother <u>Breandán Ó hEithir</u> , his nephew <u>John Ford</u> , his cousin



Liam O' Flaherty was born on **28 August 1896 in Country Galway, Ireland**. He was an Irish novelist and short story writer and a major figure in Irish literary Renaissance. He breathed his last on 7 September 1984. He became very popular with his best selling novel 'The Informer' in 1925.

RECAPITULATION

- No one attains success instantly. Repeated trials and errors lead to success.
- Success can't be taken for granted.
- Skills have to be learnt in life with sincere efforts.
- One should be confident enough to overcome the fears of life.
- All parental actions are for the betterment of children.
- One has to make efforts through repeated trials shedding of one's early hesitations and fears to succeed in any enterprise.



EXPLANATION OF THE TEXT (PAGE -34-35)

- **He dived at the fish, maddened by hunger**
- The young seagull couldn't tolerate the hunger.
- He was surprised at his mother's indifference towards him.
- So he dived for the food.
- With loud screams he fell outward and downwards into the space.
- He took the inspiration from his brothers and sisters flying around him.



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- **Joy of flight and reunion of family members.**
- He completely forgot his fear.
- His parents and his siblings beckoned to him.
- He was tired and weak with hunger.
- He sank into the green sea and his belly touched it.
- His family members praised him.
- He successfully made his first flight.



VOCABULARY

- Ledge- a narrow horizontal cliff
- Plunged- dived
- Upbraiding- scolding
- Cowardice- lack of courage
- Derisively- mockingly
- Plaintively- sorrowfully
- Tapping- beating loudly
- beckoning- signalling
- Scraps- pieces



CHARACTERSKETCH OF THE YOUNG SEAGULL

- He was afraid of flying.
- He lacked courage.
- He thought his wings wouldn't support him.
- He was underconfident.
- Taunted, criticised by his parents and siblings.
- He wasn't given food since the previous nightfall.
- He attempted to fly but couldn't muster up the courage.
- Finally maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish.
- Learnt that flying is the natural instinct of a bird- his means of survival.



MESSAGE OF THE STORY

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