

Thinking about the text

- 1) "I'll take the risk." What is risk? Why does the narrator take it?
- A huge storm was brewing up and the author 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 miss the chance to meet his family at breakfast. He took the risk even when the visibility is zero.

2) Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.
→ As the author entered the storm, his plane started jumping and twisting. He could not see anything outside the plane as it was black. When he looked at compass and other instruments they had stopped to function due to storm. It was a terrible and fearsome experience for him. The fuel tank was almost empty and he could not fly more than ten minutes. He saw another black aeroplane by his side and pilot asked him to follow and author followed him on his choice and landed on runway.

3) Why does the Narrator say, "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from Old Dakota"?
→ Seagriff's parents had tried everything but he was reluctant to fly due to fear of falling down. He looked at his brothers and sisters but

wouldn't make any efforts. That's why the whole family had left him alone and threatened and coaxed him to come but every effort went in vain.

4) What made the women in the Control Centre look at the narrator strangely?

→ The women in the Control Centre looked at the narrator strangely because the narrator asked him about the black aeroplane and she saw no one except the narrator's in the sky during the storm. Even the radar showed only the Narrator's plane that night in the sky.

5) What do you think helped the narrator to reach safety? Discuss this among yourselves and give reasons for your answers.

→ It is very difficult to say about the unknown pilot who helped the narrator. But probably it was the narrator himself

that helped him to overcome the fears
in the storm as no other plane was
seen in the radar except the
navigator's Dakota Plane. In that
fearsome situation, he might have
been hallucinating.

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