

Q1. Why does the young seagull afraid to fly? Do you think all young birds are afraid to make their first flight, do you think a human baby also finds it a challenge to take its first steps?

Ans. The young seagull was afraid to fly because he did not have the courage to take flight. He thought his wings were weak. His fear did not allow him to take the risk.

Almost all birds are afraid to take their first flight. Some are more timid than the others.

A human body also finds it a challenge to take its first steps . . .

Q. "The sight of the food maddened him". What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?

Ans. The young seagull was hungry. He had not taken any food since the previous night. When he saw food it increased his hunger manifold. He felt an intense desire to have food. He felt as if he were mad with hunger.

Mathere took a piece of fish in her mouth. She came very close to the seagull. He was hungry. In an attempt to catch the piece of fish the seagull fell out of the ledge. Now he had to make efforts to fly. Thus in a way, it was his hunger and the mother's clever trick that taught him to take flight.

Q3. "They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly". Why did the seagulls

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shrilly". Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him & cajole him to fly?

Ans. The seagull was afraid to fly. His family wanted him to learn how to fly. All of them left. They thought he would come after them. But he remained in the hole on the ledge. He was hungry. His parents threatened and cajoled him to fly. They knew he was hungry. They did not want him to remain there. They did all this to encourage him to take his first flight.

Q4. In the case of a bird flying, it seems a natural act, and a foregone conclusion that it should succeed. In the ex. you have given in the ans to the previous questn, were your success ~~not~~ warranted, or was it important for you to try, regardless of a possibility of failure?

Page In the ex. given earlier, my success was not guaranteed. I was afraid of failure. It was dangerous to fail while swimming in a river. Apart from this, my success was not natural. I had to make efforts and learn swimming.

Even in the case of birds, flying is not natural. They are taught to fly by their elders.

It means one has to make efforts to learn something. Nothing came automatically & without hard work.