

WORKSHEET

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.

That was twenty-four hours ago, since then, nobody had come near him. The day before all day long, he had watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim around rearing a proud cackle.

(i) He could not fly about like his brothers and sisters because...

Ans → He could not fly about like his brothers and sister because he was afraid.

(ii) What had his elder brother done.

Ans → Caught his first herring.

(iv) The word in the extract means to move lightly just above the surface

Ans → Flying.

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He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come near. Maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream he fell out downwards into space. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards.

(i) The seagull had been feeling very scared and frightened but after when he flapped his wings he could feel fun.

(ii) When seagull attempted to dive at the fell of the cliff. Why?
Because he thought he can't fly like his brothers and sisters.
~~⇒ He fell of the cliff~~

(iii) The phrase his wings spread outwards means.

Ans → He started flying.

(iv) The phrase means he became very frightened.

Ans → With a loud scream.

Answer the following questions in 30-40 words

2/ (i) Why was the young seagull afraid to fly?

Ans: The young seagull was afraid to fly because he felt certain that his wings would never support him for fly.

(ii) Describe the seagull's excitement when he saw his mother bringing food for him

Ans: The seagull expresses excitement by jumping and coming towards the brink of the ledge and try to snatch food from her mother

(iii) They were beckoning to him calling shrilly why did the seagull's father threaten him cajole him to fly.

Ans: The young seagull's parents threaten and cajole him to fly because they wanted him to become self dependent

(iv) The sight of the food maddened him. What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?

Ans. The young seagull was very hungry. It was his hunger that ultimately compelled and encouraged him to fly. When the seagull saw his mother tearing at a piece of fish that lay near feet. Eventually the plunge was followed by the natural reaction of the body to fly.

(v) How did the young seagull's parents treat him initially when he didn't fly?

Ans. At first, his parents encouraged him, then scolded and taunted him for his cowardice. They were calling to him shrilly and threatening him to let him starve on the ledge if he didn't fly.

(vi) Why was the young seagull miserable? The young seagull was miserable

Ans. Because he was alone and his family had already flown away.