

Character sketch of the Narrator/
Pilot of Old DAKOTA

- A professional pilot.
- Flying his Old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England.
- A quite family man.
- He seemed to lack professional responsibility.
- Loved to take risk.
- A man of can-do attitude.
- Finally helped from the mysterious source.

Thinking about the Text

1. "I'll take the risk," what is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?

Ans → A huge storm was brewing up and the author was keen to reach his home to spend his holiday with his family.

2. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

Ans → As the pilot 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.

3. Why does the narrator say "Hardeel and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota!"

Ans → Seagull's parents had tried everything but he was reluctant to fly due to fear of falling down. He looked at his brother and sister but would not try any more efforts.

4. What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?

Ans → The woman in the control centre looked at the narrator strangely because the narrator asked him about the black aeroplane. She says no one except you in the sky during the storm.

5. Who do you think helped the narrator to reach safely. Discuss these among yourselves and give reasons for your answer.

Ans → It is very difficult to say about the unknown pilot who helped the narrator. But probably it was narrator himself that helped him to overcome the fear in storm as no other plane was there in Radar.

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