

## TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING

### 1- HIS FIRST FLIGHT

#### THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT

1- why was the youngest seagull afraid to fly? Do you think all young birds are afraid to make their first flight or are some birds more timid than others? Do you think a human baby also finds it a challenge to take its first step?

an- The young seagull was afraid to fly because it was his first flight and he feared of falling and hurting himself. He thought that his wings would not support him while flying. Yes, it is natural that doing something for the first time is a bit challenging and fearful. All birds must be afraid to make their first flight.

Similarly, a human baby is also afraid of taking the first step and find it challenging when learn to take its first step without any support.

2. "The slight 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 it to fly. Its hunger  
intensified when it saw its mother tearing  
at a piece of fish that ~~was~~ lay at her  
feet. It cried to her, begging her to get  
some of food. When its mother came towards  
it with food in her beak, it screamed  
with joy and anticipation. However she  
stopped midway. It wondered why she  
did not come nearer. Not being able to  
resist hunger any longer, it dived at  
the food in its mother's beak. At that  
moment, his hunger overpowered his fear  
of the great expanse of sea beneath the  
cliff. Finally, this plunge was  
followed by the natural reaction of its  
body, i.e. to fly.

3- "They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly" why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly?

ans- Seagull's parents had tried everything but he was reluctant to fly due to fear of falling down. He looked at his brothers and sister but wouldn't make any efforts. That's why the whole family had left him alone and threatened and cajoled him to come but every effort went in vain.

5- In case of a bird flying, it seems a natural act and a foregone conclusion that it should succeed. In the examples you have given in answer to the previous question, was your success guaranteed, or was it important for you to try, regardless of a possibility of failure?

ans- Every person face problems at the first stage of learning a new skill. Due to the fear of failure we often choose not to try anything new. In the case the seagull, his parents threatened him to fly. Same as that I

was also very nervous to ride cycle. Due to which my father threatened me. I was learning cycling to overcome my fear and yes my success was guaranteed because my father was my supporter and I was also very determined to overcome my fear of cycling.

### Character Sketch of Seagull.

The young seagull was a timid sea-bird. He was very afraid of flying as he thought his wings would not support. He was very much stubborn. Irrespective of the numerous requests of his parents also he did not try to fly. He also loved to be in his own comfort zone for which his mother would provide him food. Once he was very hungry and couldn't find his mother. Out of hunger he jumped off the cliff and that is when he took his first flight. His parents were very happy for him and his ~~parents~~ sibling also cheered him up.