

THE BLACK AEROPLANE

THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT

1- "I'll take the risk". What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?

ans- The risk about which the narrator is flying the plane through the storm. The narrator wants to take it because he doesn't want to miss a chance to meet his family and have an English breakfast.

2- Describe the Narrator's Experience as/when the aeroplane is in the storm?

ans- The ~~author~~ narrator when entered the storm his plane started jumping and twisting. He could not see anything outside the plane as it was black. The compass and other instruments stopped working. The fuel tank was almost empty and he could hardly fly for ten minutes. He also lost all the connections.

3- why does the Narrator say, "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota...?"

ans - After landing, the narrator was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota because he had a horrific and scary experience flying that plane. He was happy that he had landed the plane safely. This is why he was not sorry to walk away.

4- what made the woman in the control centre look at narrator strangely?

ans - The woman in the control centre looked at the narrator strangely because the narrator asked her about the black aeroplane and she saw no one except the narrator's plane in the sky during the storm. Even the radar showed only the narrator's plane that night in the sky.

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

an- I think it was the narrator himself. His bravery and confidence ~~on him~~ helped him reach safely. He might be imagining the black aeroplane because the woman in the control room also said that she only saw narrator's plane in that storm night.

THINKING ABOUT LANGUAGE

I. Complete the following.

(1) The meaning of 'black' in this sentence is that the face and hand are dark because of dust and dirt.

(2) Here 'black' refers to an angry look.

(3) Here 'blackest' refers to the darkest and cruellest crime against humanity.

4) Here 'black' refers to dark and gloomy comedy.

5) The meaning of 'black' in this sentence is that the shopkeepers sell the described goods at a higher price.

6) Here 'black' means that the criminal suffered excessive beating at the hands of the village people.

II. Match the following.

1. Fly a flag — display a flag on a long pole.

2. fly in to rage — become suddenly very angry

3. fly along — Move quickly / suddenly

4. fly high — Be successful

5. fly the coop — Escape from a place.