

ch-3 The Story about Flying

1. The First Flight

Thinking about The Text

1. Why was the young 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?

A. The young seagull was afraid to fly because it was his first flight & he feared of falling & hurting himself. He thought that his wings wouldn't support him while flying. Yes it is natural that doing something for first time is a bit challenging & fearful. All birds must be afraid to make their first flight. Similarly a human baby is also afraid of taking the first step & find it challenging when he learns to crawl or stand up without support.

2. "The sight of the food maddened him" What does this suggest? What compelled the

Q. Why did the young seagull not fly?
A. The young seagull was very hungry because of ^{his} hunger she was able to finally fly. When the seagull saw her mother tearing at a piece of fish she tried to her to get her some food as well, when her mother came forward with food in her beak, she screamed with joy. She stopped midway, Not being able to control her hunger she dived at the food in its mother's beak. At that moment, her hunger overpowered the fear of flying.

3. "They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly."
Why did the seagull's father & mother threaten him & cajole him to fly?
A. The young seagull had a fear of flying. But when she saw her brothers & sisters flying & their parents helping & guiding them, she was unable to gather enough strength to make the first flight. That is why her mother & father shrilly called & scolded her. They threatened to her shame on the ledge if she did