

TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING
I. HIS FIRST FLIGHT—*Liam O' Flaherty*
SUBJECT ASSESSMENT
WORKSHEET-87

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1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

1 × 4 = 4

he fell outwards and downwards into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. The wind rushed against his breast feathers, then under his stomach, and against his wings.

(a) What made the young seagull scream?

Ans. The young seagull was screamed to fly because he fell outwards and downwards into space.

(b) How long did the young seagull's fear last?

Ans. The young seagull's fear lasted for a short while just after a minute the seagull's mother wanted him to follow her.

(c) How did he feel later?

Ans. Later he was feeling very confidence in flying even in strong winds.

(d) Find out the antonym of 'upwards' from the passage.

Ans. Downwards

2. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

2 × 4 = 8

(a) What was the young seagull afraid of? Why was he not able to fly?

Ans. The young seagull was afraid to fly because he thinks that his wings would never support him and he will fall down. Because of this myth in his mind he was not able to fly.

(b) What did the young seagull watch about his brothers all day long?

Ans. The young seagull watched his parents flying about with his brothers and sister, perfecting them in the art of flight, teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for fish.

(c) How did the young seagull react when his mother flew across to him with a piece of fish?

Ans. The young seagull leaped out eagerly, tapping the rock with

his feet, trying to get nearer to his mother as she flew across, so that he could take the food in his mouth.

(d) What was the mother seagull doing standing on the plateau and why?

Ans. The mother seagull was sitting on the plateau and eating a piece of fish in order to lure her son. This was her trick or trap her son to come to her for food and for that he would have to fly.

3. Answer the following question in about 100-150 words.

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How did the young seagull learn to fly? Give details.

Ans. The young seagull had a great fear of flying. His parents chided him for it. They tried their best to encourage him to fly, but it went all in vain. His mother played many tricks on him. Sometimes, she flew away from the ledge and left him alone. He came out and tried to flap his wings, but his fear seized him and against he went inside. She threatened him that he would die of hunger as she did not feed him for a few days. Even then, he could not gather the courage for flying. But this trick worked and he tried to make his first attempt. Soon he started flying. Thus his mother helped him to learn flying. It was clear that without the help of his mother, the young seagull could not have taken his first flight.