

Chapter#2: His First Flight

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did.....the ledge?

Ans. The sight of the vast sea which stretched miles down was absolutely frightening. Moreover, he felt that his wings were not strong enough to support him in the air.

2. Mention the.....fly away.

Ans. The parent seagulls kept him hungry, ate and flew in front of him to tantalize him and taunted him for being cowardly.

3. What were.....flying?

Ans. They were teaching the young seagulls to fly skilfully. They were training them to skim the waves and dive for fish.

4. Explain why.....of himself?

Ans. The young seagull tore at the dried pieces of spotted eggshells from which he and his brothers and sister had come out. Therefore to him it was like eating a part of himself.

5. What made.....brother?

Ans. His older brother had learned to fly and dive to catch fish. When he caught his first fish, the parent seagulls circled around him and expressed joy by cackling proudly.

6. What problem.....seagulls?

Ans. The young seagull was afraid to fly for the sake of his life. The problem that the parent seagulls needed to solve was to have the young seagull take wing by any means.

7. Describe how.....problem?

Ans. His mother picked up a piece of fish and flew across to him with it. When she was just opposite to him, she halted, her legs hanging limp, her wings motionless, the piece of fish in her beak. She did not come nearer and then maddened with hunger, he dived at the food. The mother swooped upwards. Thus he was thrown into the air and forced to fly.

8. Do you think.....skills? Elaborate.

Ans. Occasional use of strictness out of concern for children's grooming and training is acceptable. However, parents should not be harsh. Overuse of pressure can shatter their psychology.

B. Match the word/phrase in Column A with its meanings in Column B.

Answers:

- 1: a narrow flat piece of rock sticking out from a vertical surface
- 2: a wide open area of land, sea or sky
- 3: to gather enough courage
- 4: extremely dangerous
- 5: criticize or reproach
- 6: to suffer from lack of food
- 7: to eat hungrily
- 8: a steep rock face
- 9: to tilt sideways
- 10: leap

Write meanings of the following words.

Words	Meanings	Words	Meanings	Words	Meanings
Flight	اڑان	Seagull	بگلا	Ledge	چٹان
Great expanse	بہت وسیع حصہ	Stretched	پھیلا ہوا	Muster up	ہمت بندھانا
Plunge	چھلانگ لگانا	Desperate	بیتاب	Shrieking	چیختے ہوئے
Starve	فاقہ	Flapped	پھڑپھڑایا	Shrilly	چمکیلی
Upgrading	دھمکیاں دیتے ہوئے	Herring	مچھلی کا گوشت	Devour	نگل جانا
Proud cackle	خوشی سے	Plateau	ہموار چٹان	Taunting	طنز کرتے

	بھریور آواز				ہوئے
Cowardice	بزدلی	Blazing	چلچلاتا ہوا	Mackerels	میکرل (م) چھلی کی قسم)
Dirt-caked	گندگی سے لتھڑا	Gnawed	کترنا، کاڑ نا	Trotted	ہلکے قدموں چلا
Daintily	نراکت سے	Precipice	کھڑی چٹان	Pretend	ظاہر کیا
Preening	صاف کرتے ہوئے	Maddened	پاگل کر دیا	Scrapping	رگڑنا
Uttered	اظہار کیا	Cackled	کھلکھلانا	Screamed	چیخا
Derisively	حقارت سے	Plaintively	شکایت کے انداز میں	Abreast	ہم قدم، براہ ر
Swooped	جھپٹ کر	Swish	سرسرات ی ہوئی ہوا	Monstrous- terror	شدید خوف
Seized	طاری ہوا	Soaring	بلند ہونا	Dizzy	چکر
Joyous	پر جوش	Curveting	پلٹتے ہوئے	Commenced	آغاز کیا

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