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Two stories About Flying

FIRST STORY

-His First Flight-

(उसकी पहली उड़ान)

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बच्चों इस कहानी की शुरुआत करने से पहले, हमें यह समझना जरूरी है कि इस पाठ का सही अर्थ क्या है।

जब भी एक बच्चा अपना जीवन का पहला कदम आगे बढ़ाता है उसके मन में बहुत सारी उलझन और डर होता है और इस उलझन और डर को दूर करने के लिए जीवन में अभिभावकों की एक अहम भूमिका होती है।

इसी बात को लेते हुए लेखक ने ये कहानी सीगल एक पक्षी पर लिखी है। छोटा समुद्री सीगल अपने शिलाफलक पर अकेला था। उसके माता पिता, दो भाई और एक छोटी बहन एक दिन पूर्व उड़ कर चले गए थे। लेकिन छोटा सीगल उड़ने से डर रहा है। उसे डर था कि उसके पंख उसे संभाल नहीं पाएंगे और वह समुद्र में गिर जायेगा। इसलिए वह भाग कर शिलाफलक के नीचे अपने सुराख में चला गया। दो दिन बीत गये। छोट सीगल को खाने को कुछ न मिला। उसे बहुत भूख लगी हुई थी। अब उसकी माँ ने बहुत बुद्धिमत्ता के साथ कार्य किया। वह चाहती थी वो अपने बच्चे के डर को दूर करें। वह जानती थी वह बहुत भूखा है। वह उसके पास उड़ कर आती है। उसकी चोंच में एक मछली का टुकड़ा है। माँ शिलाफलक के नजदीक आयी पर वहां पर रुकी नहीं। वह उस मछली पर उछल पड़ा जो उसकी माँ की चोंच में थी। सीगल नीचे को खाली जगह में गिर गया। उसके पंख बाहर को फैल आए। उसने पंख फड़फड़ाये और उड़ने लगा। उसका सारा डर भाग गया। सभी सदस्य उसके नजदीक आ कर उड़ने लगे। वो सभी खुशी से चिल्लाने लगे। तब वे हरे रंग के समुद्र पर नीचे उतर आये। वो भी उनके साथ से चिल्ला उठा किन्तु फिर उसका पेट पानी से छू गया। वह और अधिक नीचे को न धंसा। वह समुद्र पर तैरने लगा। सभी सदस्यों ने सीगल की प्रशंसा की। वह उसकी पहली उड़ान थी।

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Brief Summary of the story

Before starting this story children we have to understand what is the real meaning of this lesson.

Whenever a child start the first step of his life, for this step we have lots of confusion and afraid in our mind, towards it. To remove this afraid and confusion there is a major role played by the parents.

By catching the theme the author wrote the story on Seagull (a bird). The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His parents, two brothers and a little sister had flown away the previous day. But the young seagull is afraid of flying. He fears his wings will not support him and he will fall down into the sea. So, he is left behind on the ledge. Two days passed. The young seagull got nothing to eat. He was feeling very hungry. Now the mother acts very wisely. She wants to end her young one's fear. She knows he is very hungry, She comes flying to him, She has a piece of fish in her beak. She comes very near to the ledge but does not land on it. He dived at the fish that was in his mother's beak. He falls downward into space to fly. All his fear goes. The other members come flying around him: They make cries of joy. Then they land on the green sea. He also lands with them. His legs sank into the sea. He cried in fear but then his belly touched the water. He sank no further. He began to float on the sea. All the family praised the seagull. That was his first flight.

Difficult words

- 1- Seagull – sea bird समुद्री पक्षी
- 2- Ledge - a narrow horizontal shelf किसी चट्टान से बाहर को निकला हुआ छोटा, तंग हिस्सा, शिलाफलक
- 3- brink – edge किनारा
- 4- attempted – tried कोशिश की
- 5- flap – flutter फड़फड़ाना
- 6- expanse – expansion फैलाव, विस्तार
- 7- stretched – spread फैला हुआ
- 8- muster up – gather इकट्ठा हुआ
- 9- plunge – dive डुबकी
- 10- desperate – hopeless निराशा
- 11- shrilly – sharply तीखे स्वर में
- 12- upbraiding – rebuking डोंटना
- 13- starve – die to hunger भूख से मरना
- 14- skim – surface धरातल के ऊपर धीरे-धीरे उड़ना
- 15- devour – eat at great speed तेजी से खाना
- 16- plateau – plain area पठार
- 17- cliff – steep rock चट्टान
- 18- cackle – sound of a bird कलकल की आवाज

- 19- blazing – burning जलाते हुए
- 20- scrap – piece टुकड़ा
- 21- trotted – went चला गया
- 22- sheer – steep तीखा
- 23- dozing – feeling sleepy ऊँघते हुए
- 24- preening – dressing संवार रहा
- 25- hump – raised rock उठी हुई चट्टान
- 26- scraped – rubbed रगड़ा
- 27- screamed – cried चिल्लाया
- 28- derisively – scornfully निंदापूर्वक
- 29- plaintively – sorrowfully
- 30- leaned out – knelt झुका
- 31- swooped – pounced झपट्टा मारा
- 32- monstrous – very fearful भयानक
- 33- seized – caught पकड़ा
- 34- soaring – flying upwards
- 35- curveting jumping उछल कूद करता हुआ
- 36- commended – praised सराहा, प्रशंसा की
- 37- shrieking – crying चिल्लाते हुए
- 38- ridges – wanes लहरें
- 39- beckoning – calling पुकारते हुए
- 40- fright – fear डर
- 41- exhausted – tired थका हुआ
- 42- floating – swimming तैर रहा था
- 43- belly – abdomen पेट

Passages for comprehension

(1)

The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Somehow when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath, and it was such a long way down – miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him; so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night.

Questions –

1- Why was the young seagull alone on his ledge?

Answer - The young seagull was alone on his ledge because his two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before.

2- How many brothers and sisters did he have?

Answer – He had two brothers and a sister.

3- Why did the seagull not go with them?

Answer – seagull did not go with them because he was afraid to fly.

4- What happened when he ran to the brink of the ledge?

Answer – He saw the great expanse of sea.

5- What was he certain about?

Answer- He was certain that his wings would never support him.

6- Find a word in the passage which means 'edge'.

Answer – brink.

(2)

His parents and his brothers and sister had landed on this green flooring ahead of him. They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly. He dropped his legs to stand on the green sea. His legs sank into it. He screamed with fright and attempted to rise again flapping his wings. But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise. His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no farther. He was floating on it, and around him his family was screaming, praising him and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog-fish.

Q.1 Where did the young seagull land.

Ans The young seagull landed on the green sea.

Q.2 What happened when he tried to stand on the green sea?

Ans When he tried to stand on the green sea, he could not rise.

Q.3 What did his family do when he was floating on the sea?

Ans When he was floating on the sea, his family was screaming around him and praising him.

Q.4 What made him tired?

Ans His first flight which was a strange exercise made him tired.

Q.5 What did his family offer him and why?

Ans His family was offering him scraps of dog-fish because he was hungry.

Q.6 Find out the words from the passage containing the opposite meaning of the following:

(i) Zigzag (ii) never

Ans Zigzag- Straight

Never – ever

Important Questions-

Q.1 Why was the seagull afraid to fly? How did he conquer his fear?

Ans- The young seagull was afraid to fly because he felt certain that his wings would never support him to fly. He was frightened to see the sea around him. He was afraid that he would fall down into the sea. He had not eaten anything since the previous night.

His family had moved the ledge to the plateau. They wanted him to come there but he did not dare to fly. His mother thought a way to get him fly. She caught fish and started to eat it in full view of the young seagull. On seeing her eat, the young seagull became terribly restless. He dived to get food from his mother and flew outward and downward into space. Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly. Then he conquered his fear.

Q.2 Why was the young seagull afraid to fly? Do you think a human baby also finds it a challenge to take its first steps?

Ans The young seagull was certain that his wings would not open and support him, when he would try to fly. He feared that he would fall down into the sea. It is the case with all young birds. They are afraid to make their first flight. Some birds can be more timid than others. It is the mother who helps the young ones to overcome this fear.

The human baby too finds it a challenge to take its first steps. It has to be supported and encouraged by the elders. It falls down many a time while taking the first steps. But ultimately through constant efforts and encouragement it overcomes its fears and moves on.

Q.3 How did the seagull family help the young seagull overcome his fear and fly?

Ans The seagull family used different methods to help him to overcome his fear and fly. First of all, the parents, brother and sister left him all alone for twenty four hours. Then his parents come around calling him shrilly to fly. They even rebuked him that if he could not fly, he would starve to death.

Maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish his mother baited at him and flew outward and downward into space. His brother and sister were flying before him so that he might gather courage to fly.

Thus his family helped the young seagull to overcome his fear and fly.

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कई बार हमने फरिश्तों की कहानियाँ सुनी हैं जो आता है और हमें मुसीबतों से बाहर निकालता है ऐसा ही हम इस कहानी में पढ़ेंगे " काला एरोप्लेन" कहानी में जिसके लेखक फेडरिक फोरसिथ हैं।

ये एक रहस्यमयी कहानी है जिसमें लेखक अपने पुराने डेकोटा जहाज द्वारा फ्रांस से इंग्लैंड लगभग आधी रात को जा रहा था तभी वह काले घने बादलों के बीच फंस जाता है और उसके जहाज के सभी सहायक उपकरण जैसे कम्पास, रेडियो और अन्य उपकरणों ने काम करना बंद कर दिया। उसे अब सामने कुछ नहीं दिखाई दे रहा था। सौभाग्य से लेखक को एक दूसरा हवाई जहाज दिखाई दिया जो कि उसके काफी करीब था ये एक काला हवाई जहाज था। उस काले हवाई जहाज के पायलट ने उसे अपने पीछे आने को कहा और लेखक एक आज्ञाकारी बच्चे की तरह उस काले जहाज के पीछे-पीछे जाने लगा और अंत में लेखक और उसका जहाज काले बादलों से बाहर निकल आते हैं और वह हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित रूप से अपने जहाज को उतार लेता है और वहीं दूसरी ओर काला हवाई जहाज आसमान में कहीं गायब हो जाता है। लेखक भागता हुआ कन्ट्रोल रूम में आता है और उस काले जहाज और उसके पायलट के बारे में पूछता है लेकिन कन्ट्रोल रूम की महिला बताती है कि आज आसमान में कोई और दूसरा हवाई जहाज नहीं उड़ रहा था कहती है कि "केवल आपका ही एक मात्र हवाई जहाज हमारे रडार में दिखाई दे रहा था।"

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Many time we heard the story of angels,(the person of god) who comes and takes us from the troubles as the same thing we will read in this story 'The Black Aeroplane' by Frederick Forsyth. It is a mysterious story. The author was flying his old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England around midnight. Suddenly he was caught in dark storm clouds. The compass, radio and other instruments in his aeroplane all failed. Nothing was visible outside the plane. Luckily, the writer saw another aeroplane quit near him. It was a black aeroplane. Its pilot waved to the writer to follow him. The writer kept following the black aeroplane. At last he came out of the dark storm. He was able to land safely. The other aeroplane had disappeared in the sky. The writer walked to the central room. He wanted to know who that other pilot was. But a woman in the central room told him that there had been no other plane in the sky that night. She said, "yours was the only one I could see on the radar."

Difficult words

Countryside – rural area देहात

Looking forward – eagerly waiting उत्सुकता से प्रतीक्षा करना

Compass – an instrument to tell direction नियन्त्रण केन्द्र

Fuel – anything burned to produce heat or power दिशा सूचक

Twisted – took a curved turn ईधन

Nose – the front part of a plane अग्रभाग

Immediately – at once एकदम

Huge - very big विशाल

Lifted – raised उठाया

Waved – shock हिलाया

Follow – come after पीछे चलना

Obedient – dutiful आज्ञाकारी

Frightened – fearful डरावना

Straight – direct सीधी

Runway – way to run हवाई पट्टी

Look you – to search तलाश करना

Empty – vacant खाली

Landed – came down on land नीचे धरती पर उतर आया

Strangely – surprisingly हैरानी से

Radar – a system for detecting the plane's direction land रडार

Arrive – land उतरना

Comprehension

(1)

The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch: one thirty in the morning.

Q. - Who is I?

Answer- 'I' refers to the author who is pilot of the Dakota plane.

Q. – Which aeroplane was the pilot flying?

Answer- The pilot was flying his old Dakota D S 088 plane.

Q. – What made the pilot happy?

Answer- The pilot was happy for two reasons he was dreaming of his holiday and he was looking forward to be with his family.

Q. – What does the sleeping countryside mean?

Answer- The sleeping countryside refers to all the people who lay asleep at night in the countryside.

Q. – Where was he flying and why?

Answer- He was flying over France. He was flying because he was coming back to England.

Q. Which phrase in the passage means the same as 'expecting/anticipation'?

Answer- The phrase 'looking forward to' means the same as expecting/anticipating.

Comprehension

(2)

He knows that I am lost, 'I thought. 'He's trying to help me.'

He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child.

After half an hour the strange black aeroplane was still there in front of me in the clouds. Now there was only enough fuel in the old Dakota's last tank to fly for five or ten minutes more. I was starting to feel frightened again. But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.

Q.1 Who do you think was trying to help the narrator?

Ans- Some stranger was trying to help the narrator.

Q.2 Why did the narrator go behind the strange aeroplane?

Ans- The narrator thought that the stranger was trying to help him, so he followed the aeroplane.

Q.3 How did it become easy for him to follow the other aeroplane?

Ans- The other aeroplane had started going slowly in front of him .

Q.4 Why was he starting to feel frightened.

Ans- He starting to feel frightened because he was left with very little fuel.

Q.5 What did the black aeroplane begin to do in the end?

Ans- It started to go down.

Q.6 Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'astray'.

Ans- Fast.

Important Question & Answer

Q.1 Describe the narrator's experiences as he flew the aeroplane into storm.

Answer - As the narrator entered the stormy clouds, his aeroplane started jumping and twisting. Inside the clouds, it was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. He did not know which direction to go. He could not contact the Paris control. The pilot looked at his compass. It was dead. The other instruments also were dead. He was lost in the storm. Luckily he saw a black aeroplane next to the narrator it had no lights on its wings, the narrator could see the pilot's face turned towards him. Its pilot waved to him to follow him. The pilot of the old Dakota obeyed him like an obedient child. At last, he was out of the clouds. Now he could see an airport in front of him.

Q.2 What made the Woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?

Answer- When the narrator asked the woman in the control center who the other pilot was, she looked at the narrator strangely. This was so because in such a very bad weather according to her there was no other pilot except the narrator, no other plane was seen on the radar. His question seemed silly to her.

Q.3 Who do you think helped the narrator reach safely? Discuss this among yourselves and give reasons for your answer.

Answer- When the narrator was lost in the stormy clouds, the pilot of black aeroplane without lights guided him to come out of the stormy clouds and land safely. He only dreamed of the help of dark aeroplane and his inner sub-conscious mind helped him in adverse situation.

With lots of wishes

-THANK YOU-