

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature

Revision Notes

Chapter 03

Two Stories about Flying

I. His First Flight

- Seagull family of 6 members.
- The young seagull afraid of flying.
- Family has concern of his food and fear of flying.
- Cajoling and provoking of him by family.
- Family leaves him alone at the rock.
- He cries because of heat and hunger.
- No one looks at him except the mother.
- Temptation by mother for a piece of fish.
- He pretends to sleep but nobody comes to him.
- Everybody taunts him for his cowardice.
- The young seagull dives to catch a fish to feed himself.
- He tries to spread his wings outwards.
- He begins to fly slowly downwards and upwards.
- He is now no longer afraid of flying and falling down in the sea. He soars with a joyous scream.
- Seagull family comes near to him and encourages him.
- He has made his first flight successful.

II. Black Aeroplane

- Once the writer was in his old Dakota and it was one thirty in the morning, he was flying over France and going to England.
- After informing the Paris Control that he was on his way to England, he turned his plane 12 degree west towards England.
- He was dreaming of taking breakfast with his family. Suddenly he saw stormy black clouds before him.
- Paris was about 150 km away and he had not enough fuel. So he decided to fly

through the storm.

- In the middle of the storm, he could not see anything and all his instruments like compass, radio, etc. stopped working.
- Suddenly he saw another aeroplane without lights. Its pilot asked him to follow.
- After half an hour, he came out of the clouds and found a runway. Now he was safe and happy.
- He wanted to thank the pilot who helped him, but no one was there.
- He went to the control room and asked the woman who was on duty about the pilot.
- The woman looked at the writer surprisingly, laughed and told that there was no other plane in the radar. The writer was extremely surprised.