



## ENGLISH

### NCERT - NCERT ENGLISH(HINGLISH)

#### TWO STORIES ABOUT FLYING

##### Thinking About 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 steps?



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2. The sight of the food maddened him. What does this suggest that compelled the young seagull to finally fly?



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3. They were beckoning to him calling shrilly. Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly?



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4. The young seagull was afraid to fly. Even when it saw its brothers and sisters flying, and its parents helping and teaching them, it could not gather enough courage to make that first flight. That is why its father and

mother were calling to it shrilly and scolding it. They threatened to let it starve on its ledge if it did not fly. They did so because they wanted it to leave its fear behind and learn to fly.



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5. Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.



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6. Why does the narrator say landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old akota



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7. What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?



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



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## Thinking About The Language

1. Try to guess the meanings of the word 'black' in the sentences given below. Check the meanings in the dictionary and find out

whether you have guessed right.

Go and have a bath, your hands and face are absolutely black\_\_\_\_\_.



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2. Try to guess the meanings of the word 'black' in the sentences given below. Check the meanings in the dictionary and find out whether you have guessed right.

The taxi-driver gave Ratan a black look as he

crossed the road when the traffic light was green. \_\_\_\_\_



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**3.** Try to guess the meanings of the word 'black' in the sentences given below. Check the meanings in the dictionary and find out whether you have guessed right.

The bombardment of Hiroshima is one of the blackest crimes against humanity. \_\_\_\_\_



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4. Try to guess the meanings of the word 'black' in the sentences given below. Check the meanings in the dictionary and find out whether you have guessed right.

Very few people enjoy Harold inter's black comedy. \_\_\_\_\_



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5. Try to guess the meanings of the word 'black' in the sentences given below. Check the

meanings in the dictionary and find out whether you have guessed right.

Sometimes shopkeepers store essential goods to create false scarcity and then sell these in black. \_\_\_\_\_



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6. Try to guess the meanings of the word 'black' in the sentences given below. Check the meanings in the dictionary and find out whether you have guessed right.

Villagers had beaten the criminal black and blue. \_\_\_\_\_



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7. Match the phrases given under Column A with their meanings given under Column B:



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**8.** We know that the word 'fly' (of birds/insects) means to move through air using wings. Tick the words which have the same or nearly the same meaning.



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