



St. Mary's School
Class X – English
Assignment – 2

Read the two stories about flying in chapter 3 from First Flight. Based on your reading of the chapters, answer the following questions in your literature copy.

His First Flight

Liam O Flaherty

Theme

- A story about the importance of having courage and self-confidence
- Self-confidence- one of the most important features which an individual should possess
- How to overcome fear and move forward

Short answer Questions

Q 1) Why did the young seagull's parents upbraid and threaten him? How did the seagull react to this?

- Initially parents had encountered the young seagull to fly but it was to no avail- they threatened to starve him to death
- Nothing could change his mind, kept sitting on the ledge, was scared of the deep sea and the high cliffs

Q 2) How did the hungry seagull attract his mother's attention?

- Q 3) "The sight of food maddened him" What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly?
 - The seagull had not eaten anything for one whole day
 - The sight of his mother tearing away at a piece of fish maddened

him

- Hunger compelled

Q 4) How did the parents and siblings celebrate the young seagull's first flight?

Long Answer Questions

Q 1) Describe the young seagull's first flight.

Q 2) Describe the young seagull's transformation from a frightened little bird to a confident flyer.

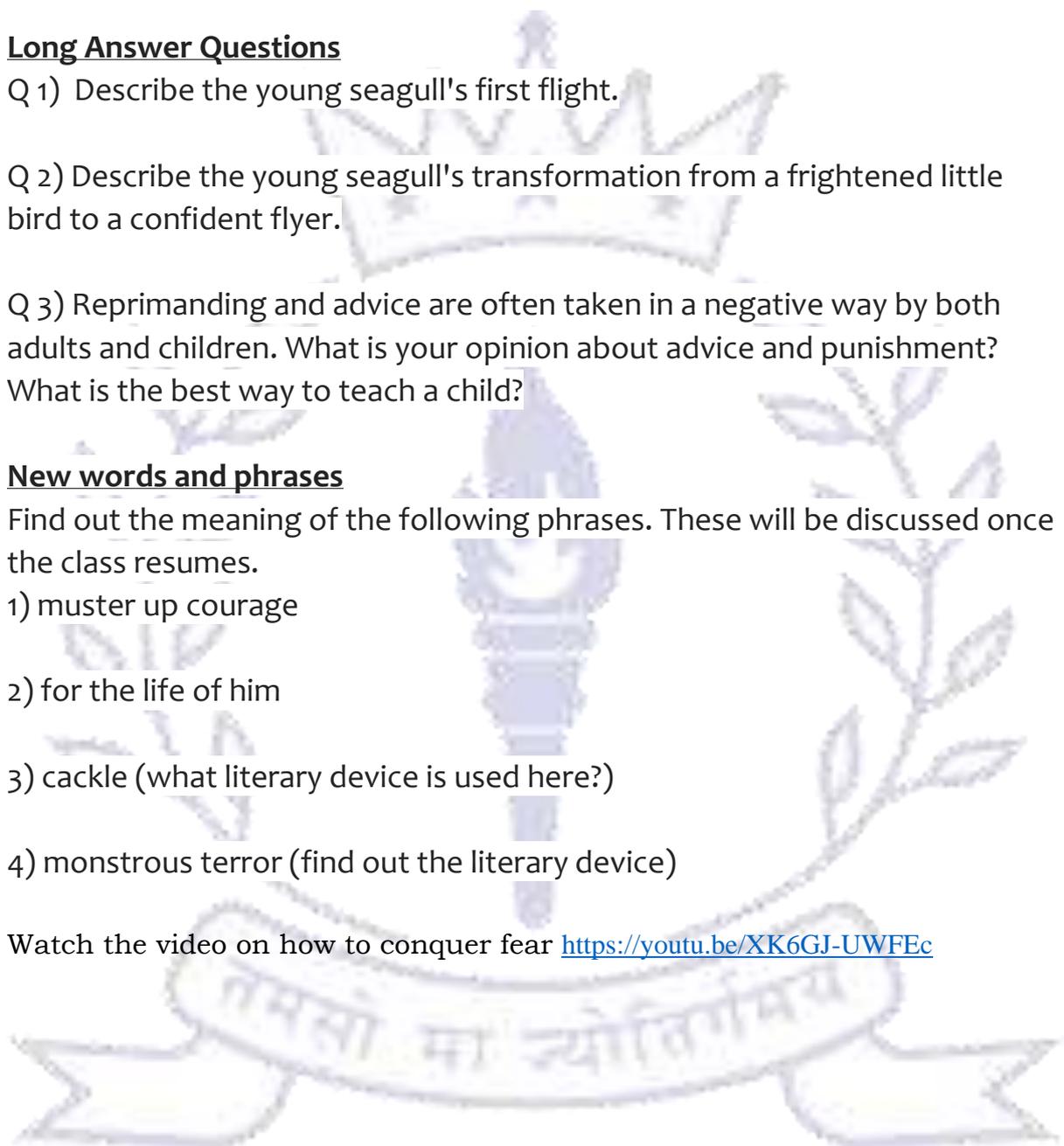
Q 3) Reprimanding and advice are often taken in a negative way by both adults and children. What is your opinion about advice and punishment? What is the best way to teach a child?

New words and phrases

Find out the meaning of the following phrases. These will be discussed once the class resumes.

- 1) muster up courage
- 2) for the life of him
- 3) cackle (what literary device is used here?)
- 4) monstrous terror (find out the literary device)

Watch the video on how to conquer fear <https://youtu.be/XK6GJ-UWFEc>



The Black Aeroplane

Frederick Forsyth



Dakota DS

Theme:

Never lose hope even in the most hopeless situation
Keep trying till you succeed

Short answer Questions

- Q 1) "I'll take the risk" What is the 'risk'? Why does the narrator take it?
- Q 2) Why didn't the narrator return to Paris when he saw the storm clouds?
- Q 3) How and when did the narrator feel that he was safe?
- Q 4) What made the woman in the control center look at the narrator strangely?

Long Answer Questions

- Q 1) Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the Aeroplane into the storm.
(NOTE: 'TQ' means textual questions, ie. questions that are in the textbook.)

New words and phrases

1. Sleeping countryside (find out the literary device)
2. What is an 'English Breakfast'?
3. List out the similes in the lesson