

His First Flight (Prose)

Chapter 5: His First Flight (Prose) · Topic 1

Key Concept

The young seagull watches his siblings fly successfully but remains terrified, afraid of the vast expanse of sky and sea below.

His fear keeps him stranded on the ledge, growing hungrier as his family flies off to find food, leaving him increasingly desperate.

Eventually, hunger overcomes his fear, forcing him to take his first flight, discovering that flying is natural and instinctive once attempted.

This story symbolises overcoming fear through necessity, showing how facing our fears often reveals capabilities we didn't know we had.

Quick Revision Notes

- Young seagull: afraid to fly, siblings succeed.
- Fear of vast sky, sea below.
- Fear keeps him stranded, growing hungry.
- Family flies for food, leaves him behind.
- Hunger eventually overcomes fear.
- Forces his first flight attempt.
- Discovers flying is natural, instinctive.
- Symbolises overcoming fear through necessity.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss why the seagull was afraid to fly.
- 2 Discuss what forced him to overcome his fear.
- 3 Write about a fear you have overcome.
- 4 Discuss what the story teaches about facing fears.
- 5 Identify the story's turning point.
- 6 Reflect on a time necessity pushed you to try something new.