**Symbiosis School, Nashik.**

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**Subject : English Language & Literature - Worksheet - 16**

**Lesson 3 : Two Stories About Flying**

### 2. The Black Aeroplane by Frederick Forsyth

### Instructions

### The answers of the grammar based exercises given in the last worksheet are mentioned. Please tally and write the corrfect answers in the English notebook.

### The textual question answers are also given. Please write them in your English notebook.

### Answers of the grammar exercises

1. Go and have a bath; your hands and face are absolutely black.

The meaning of ‘black’ in this sentence is that the face and hands are dark with dust and heat.

2. The taxi-driver gave Ratan a black look as he crossed the road when the traffic light was green.

Here, ‘black’ refers to an angry look.

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

Here, ‘blackest’ refers to the darkest and cruellest crime against humanity.

4. Very few people enjoy Harold Pinter’s black comedy

Here, ‘black’ refers to dark and gloomy comedy.

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

The meaning of ‘black’ in this sentence is that the shopkeepers sell the described goods ‘at a higher price’.

6. Villagers had beaten the criminal black and blue.

Here, ‘black’ means that the criminal suffered excessive beating at the hands of the villagers.

**Match the Pairs Answers-**

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| A | B |
| 1. Fly a flag 2. Fly into rage 3. Fly along 4. Fly high 5. Fly the coop | 1. Display a flag on a long pole 2. Become suddenly very angry 3. Move quickly/suddenly 4. Be successful 5. Escape from a place |

**Answers-**

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| Swoop | Flit | Paddle | Flutter | ascend |
| Float | ride | Skim | Sink | Dart |
| Hover | Glide | Descend | Soar | Shoot |
| Spring | Stay | Fall | Sail | Flap |

**The Black Aeroplane Textual Questions and Answers**

Q1. “I’ll take the risk.” What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?

A. The “risk” here refers to not doing the right thing, which is flying back to Paris when he came to know about the storm. Despite being aware of the bad weather, the pilot headed straight into the storm and risked the lives of his fellow passengers. The pilot’s decision making was clouded by his wish to meet his family. He so desperately wanted to be with his family and have that English breakfast he had been dreaming of all day, that he took the risk of not going back.

 Q2. Describe the narrator’s experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

A. The narrator was frightened as he lost control of the plane. He felt helpless as the compass and other instruments had stopped working. Nothing outside the aeroplane was visible when suddenly in the midst of nowhere, an unknown plane was visible and the pilot was eager to help him. The narrator was panicking because there was very less fuel left but somehow, he managed to escape the storm with the help of the strange pilot who he could not thank.

Q3. Why does the narrator say, “I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota…”?

A. The narrator had landed at an unknown place as his compass and radar had stopped functioning in the storm. He was not scared to leave the plane unattended and go to the control centre to inquire about the mysterious plane which had helped him out of the storm.

Q4. What made the woman in the control centre look at the narrator strangely?

A. The woman in the control centre looked at the narrator strangely when he asked about the other pilot that helped him escape the storm. This is because there was no other plane in the sky during such bad weather.

Q5. Who do you think helped the narrator to reach safely? Discuss this among yourselves and give reasons for your answer.

A. It was the pilot’s own conscience which helped him out of the storm. There was no other plane out on that stormy night. So, probably, he was hallucianting. It was his own capability as a pilot which led him out of that black cloud.