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### NCERT TEXTBOOK QUESTIONS SOLVED

Thinking about the Text (Page 40)

**Q1. "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?**

**Ans.** The narrator was flying his old Dakota aeroplane. But suddenly he found huge dark clouds just before him. Now the risk was to fly the aeroplane straight into the storm. Although he did not have enough fuel, he decided to make the trip as he wanted to see his family and have a good breakfast with them.

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

**Ans.** The narrator took the risk to fly the aeroplane straight into the cloudy storm. He did so because he was very eager to go home and meet his family members. He wanted to have a good breakfast with them. Inside the clouds, he was not able to see anything. His aeroplane started jumping and twisting in the air. After this he found that the compass and the radio

were not working. They were almost dead. He was totally confused what to do.

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

**Ans.** When the narrator safely landed on the earth, he wanted to say 'Thank you' to the pilot of the black aeroplane who saved his life. But the control room was at some distance. To reach there he had to walk that distance. But keeping in mind the importance of that pilot, he didn't feel sorry to walk away from the old Dakota.

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

**Ans.** The narrator's inquiry for another aeroplane made the woman in the control centre to look at him strangely. As soon as the narrator landed on the runway safely, he went to the control centre to know about the pilot of the black aeroplane to thank him. But the woman was very surprised at his question because there was no other aeroplane flying that night.

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

**Ans.** After reading the story it can be clearly said that the narrator was definitely helped by some one. It could be a supernatural power or his own sixth sense. It could have been his will-power which helped him to come out of the situation.