

What Did You Learn?

1. Complete the poem.

Birds are amazed to see an absurd, weird creature in the sky. They are seeing it for to a huge bird that makes a sound or a monster kite. They wonder whether an adjutant bird has laid a giant egg. They wonder why don't they sing insted of it makes. Birds are free bird is tamed In Its Iron wings in the hands of a few men. It is a like a puppet on strings. That is why the birds are not scared of it. They only stand deflant to this new bird in the sky but from a away the birds salute this mechanical bird.

2. (a) i. 'You', refers to the flying machine.
- ii. The poet does not like the sound the machine makes while flying. He would prefer a more soothing sound.
- iii. He is sort of complaining because he would like the machine to make a more soothing sound rather than the making a sniveling and harsh noise.
- iv. The personal poet feels that though it is a bird it does not sing, it has no voice, and no sweetness of its own.
- (b) i. This stanza is addressed to the flying machine.
- ii. 'We', refers to the birds. "Far away" shows that the little birds are afraid of the big bird, meaning the aeroplane.

- iii. The poet is saluting the aeroplane. The poet is grateful to the machine as it carries people day and night, and takes them to different places in a short time.
 - iv. We salute someone when we respect them and are indebted to them for their service.
- (c)
- i. The birds are not dumb and blind, but the poet says that the flying machine is dumb and blind when it moves in the sky.
 - ii. The flying machine is tamed by its own iron wings and its iron cage by the men who make it fly.
 - iii. The poet has mixed feelings that are true. The flying machine, he says, carries people day in and day out. It works at the signal of the man's order; a puppet in their hands.
 - iv. This dumb and blind bird, the flying machine has made the world a smaller place. It has brought the world closer by the speed at which it reaches places. All parts of the world can be reached within no time. Thus, changing the lives of the people at large.
- 3.
- (a) The flying machine looks like a kite but actually it is massive in size so looks like a monster.
 - (b) The poet visualises a large black and white stork, which laid an egg and from that, emerged the flying machine.
 - (c) The poet is comparing himself with a bird because he watches the flying machine from a great distance, like a bird and salutes it.
 - (d) The poet pities the flying machine because it cannot sing.
It can only make a harsh noise as if somebody is beating it up. The machine is dumb and blind, always controlled by somebody like a puppet on a string. It doesn't have a voice of its own nor can it eat anything.

What Do You Think?

*This is a personal response question. Students will express their own views in their own words. This is just a gist of what the teacher must expect. Do accept all answers.

1. In today's world, technology is mandatory. We are totally dependent on technology. From household chores to education, communication, travel in every

2. Man is so dependent on technology that when a machine breaks down or a computer crashes, he becomes almost disabled until the problem is resolved. Humans have become less self-reliant.

What's the Grammar behind It?

6. At the zoo, I saw a peacock, tigers, zebras and some monkeys.
7. The athlete jumped, panted and fainted.
8. The Ramayana and the Mahabharatha, are two great epics.

- elated
 - agonised
 - groaned
 - chuckled
 - fidgety
 - anxious
 - giggled
 - chirped
 - relieved
 - energetic
- euphoric, ecstatic, depressed, moody, happy, irritated
angry elated, awe struck, glad.
- This is a personal response question.

