

1.5 His First Flight

Warming up!

Chit - Chat

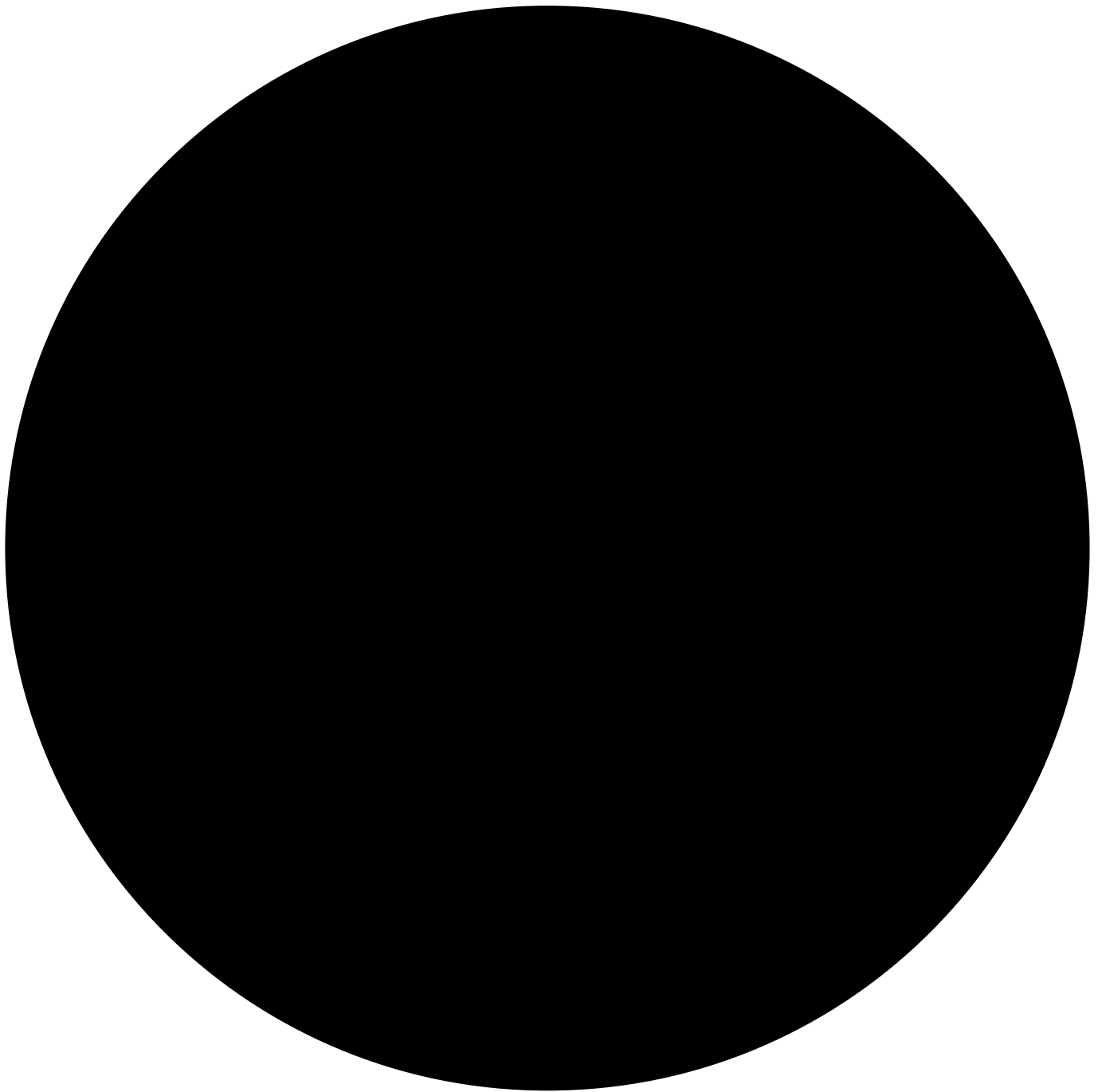
- 1. Form Groups of 5. Remember your past days and share with your friends about memories of your first day at school or your first attempt at cooking. What role did your parents, siblings play to help to overcome your fear?**

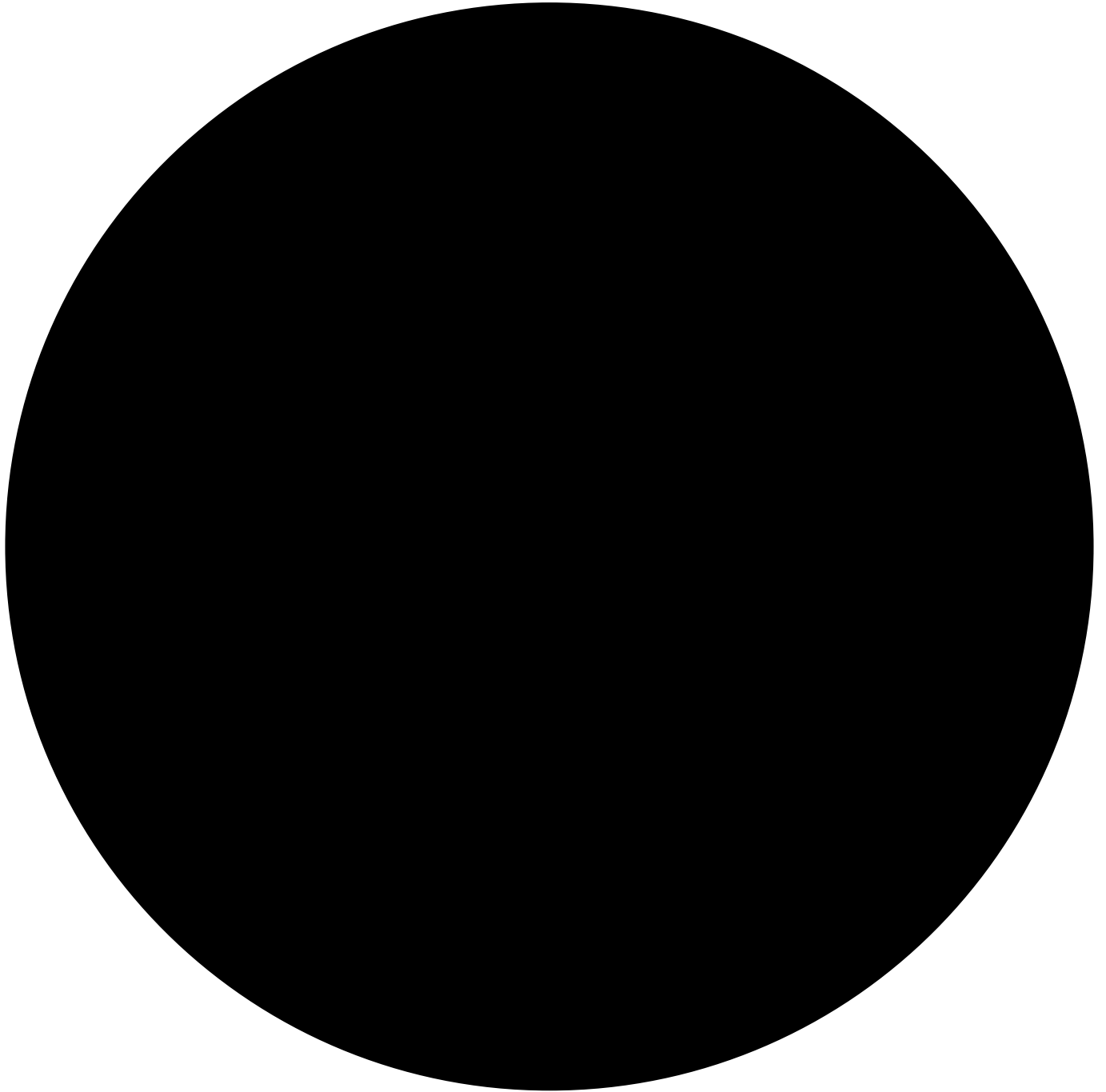
Ans - My First Day at School -

My father transferred me in J. M. Highschool, which is big one in 5th std. At very first day, I was very much frightened. I didn't know anyone in that school. I was not willing to go there. My mother came with me to the school. She met my principal, new class teacher and also some students of 5th std. In this way, my fear of first day at school was decreased.

My First Attempt at Cooking -

It was the day, when my parents were out of home for some reason. Incidentally, my uncle and aunty dropped in that day. It was evening time, So I decided to give them tea. But I didn't know the recipe, so my aunty helped me to prepare it. It was my first attempt in the kitchen which led into my hobby of cooking.





MARGIN QUESTIONS

1) What did the young seagull feel?

Ans: The young seagull felt afraid to fly as he thought his wings

would never support him.

2) Guess the meaning of:

Muster up courage: To try and be courageous and not afraid.

Ascending the sky: To fly high or going up in the sky.

3) Why did the young seagull feel hot?

Ans: The young seagull felt hot because the sun was now ascending the sky, blazing on his ledge and he had not eaten since the previous nightfall.

4) What were the young seagull's parents doing?

Ans: The young seagull's father was preening the feathers on his white back and his mother was looking at him from the plateau.

5) Guess the meaning of:

Soar: Go up

Maddened by hunger: Being extremely hungry

Seized: Detained or stopped.

6) What were the young seagull's brothers and sister doing?

Ans: The young seagull's two brothers and sister were lying on the plateau dozing with their heads sunk into their necks.

7) What did he forget?

Ans: He forgot that he had not always been able to fly.

ENGLISH WORKSHOP

1. State whether the following statements are true or false.

a) The young seagull was not confident about the ability of his wings. **True**

b) The young seagull's parents guided and improved his siblings in the art of flying. **True**

c) When the young seagull pretended to be falling asleep, his parents noticed him. **False**

d) Flying across the young seagull, the mother dropped a piece of fish into his beak. **False**

2. Complete the following statements.

a) The seagull is afraid to fly because he **felt certain that his wings would never support him and the great expanse of sea was such a long way down.**

b) Young birds are afraid to make their first flight because **they have never flown before and are not sure if their wings will support them.**

c) Human beings find it difficult to face great challenges because **they are often afraid and nervous about the unknown.**

3. Read the following words carefully and make meaningful sentences of your own and write in your notebook.

Ans:

i)Plaintively - The child looked at his mother **plaintively**.

ii)Monstrous - There was a **monstrous** storm on the island.

iii)Beckon - She **beckoned** the children to follow her.

iv)Curveting - The crow kept **curveting** around the house.

v)Whet - The birds **whet** their beak against the rock.

vi)Soar - The plane quickly **soared** in the sky.

4. Read the following words carefully and fill in the blanks by choosing appropriate word given in brackets.

(afraid, plunged, appeared, shrilly, skimmed, devoured, cowardice)

a) Arun is full of **cowardice**.

b) The violin played very **shrilly** and merrily.

c) Ravi said, "Are you really **afraid** of the dark?"

d) The whole village **plunged** into darkness.

e) The lions **devoured** their prey, hungrily.

f) He **skimmed** through the report.

g) One by one, the stars **appeared** in the sky.

5. Read about the space mission of Sunita Williams. Imagine you are going to interview her. Frame 10 to 12 interview relevant questions regarding-

1. her early life, training
2. education
3. her actual flight into space
4. future plans
5. her message to viewers.

Warm and hearty welcome to you, Sunita.

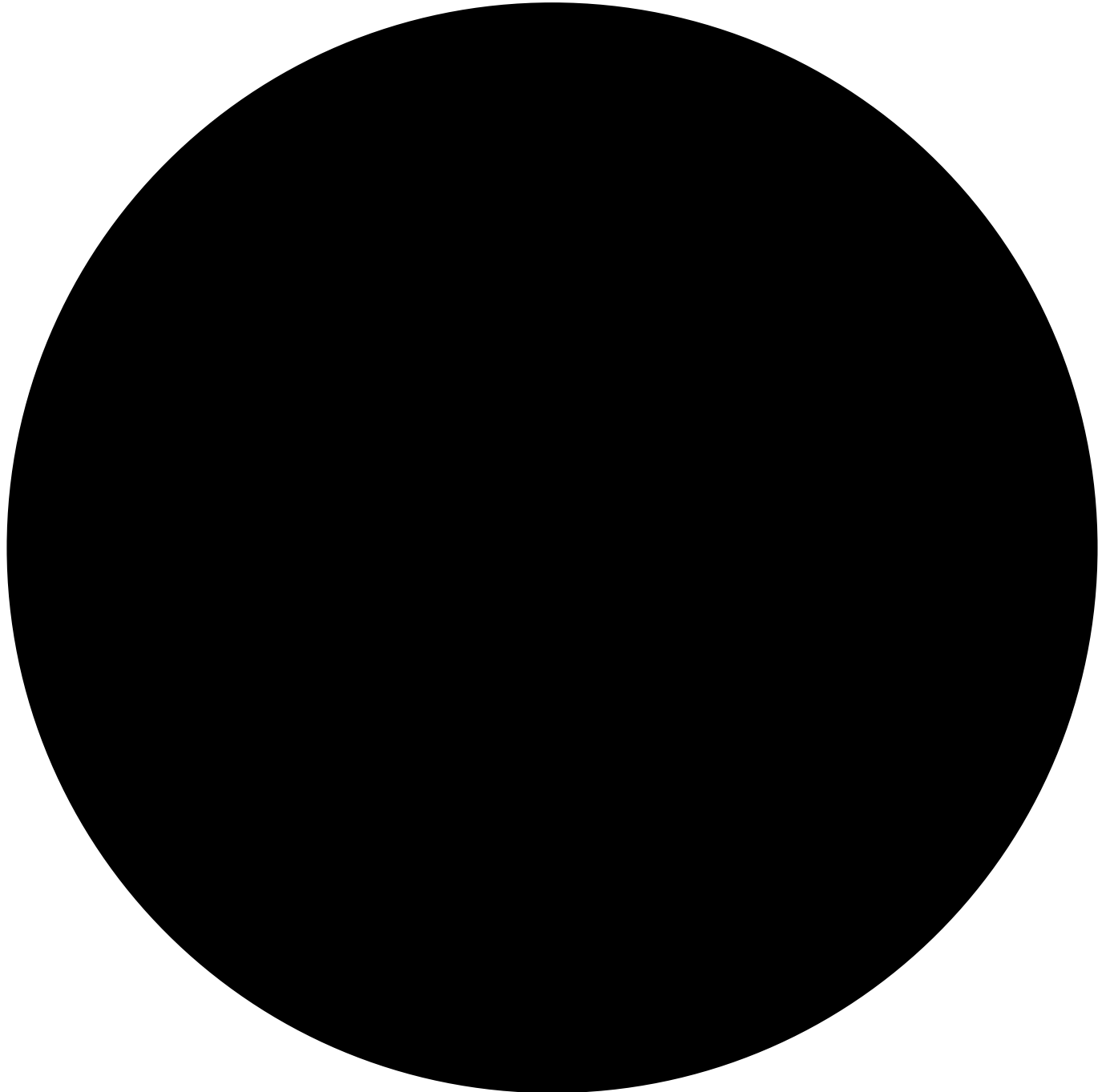
- (1) Let us start with your early stages of life. What made you become fond of space and its studies?
- (2) How deep was your training in childhood to become an astronaut?
- (3) Please tell us about your education. Where did you pursue your higher studies?
- (4) Which subject is your favourite in childhood?
- (5) What kindled your inspiration to become a space woman?
- (6) How was it actually feeling like to be in space?
- (7) How did you manage the required oxygen for breathing in space?
- (8) Could you please narrate how is the communication with the people on earth after reaching the space?
- (9) How did you prepare your health for a space travel?
- (10) When is your next mission to space and what is the theme

for research?

(11) Apart from special research, what are your other plans for future?

(12) One final question: What is your motivational message to the young researchers and engineers?

6. Describe in your notebook the challenges you faced while learning to ride a bicycle/swimming or any skill. Take hints from the web to complete your write - up.



Ans - How I learned to ride a bicycle

I can still remember it as if it happened yesterday. I must have been seven or eight years old when I rode my first bicycle.

Learning how to ride a bicycle can be exciting as well as painful. But I found it really

exciting indeed. It was my sister who taught me how to ride the bicycle. It was a bright warm day and the perfect summer day. We both went to the park, where there was nobody in the park. She brought her bicycle and told me to sit on it. Then she advised me to pedal slowly while holding the bicycle and running along, holding the rear of the seat. I was so frightened that the handle shook and the bicycle trembled. But she reassured me by saying that it was the word of a sister and I could trust it. Thus my confidence boosted and I took the daring to ride a bicycle. After some efforts, I succeeded to ride it smoothly, Though my dream came true, it was painful, for I fell several times and received some cuts on my hands and legs. But it is one of my most memorable childhood experiences, I think.

This event not only represents freedom for me, but it also helped me to establish the foundation on which I base my existence. Learning to ride a bicycle demonstrated a new way to have fun, and also illustrated how Will power and perseverance help to overcome challenges through out life. Because according to Albert Einstein - "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."