



Fly Away Home

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While reading

Chapters 1–3

- 1 **Underline the correct word.**
 - a Amy has to go and live with her *father / mother*.
 - b Amy lived in *Canada / New Zealand*.
 - c Amy thinks her dad is *funny / crazy*.
 - d Amy's dad lives in the *town / countryside*.
 - e Amy and her dad *do / don't* understand each other.
 - f Amy is *thirteen / fourteen* when she moves to be with her dad.

- 2 **Choose the correct word for the sentence.**

mess accident talking years
unhappy killed

- a Father and daughter have difficulty to each other.
- b They have not seen each other for many
- c Amy's mum was in an accident.
- d Amy is very
- e Amy finds the house is a

- 3 **Write a sentence using each of the following words.**

- a unfriendly
- b machine
- c marsh
- d death
- e geese
- f miserable
- g difficult

- 4 **Match the sentences (a–d) with the numbers (1–4)**

- a Her mother has died in a car accident
 - b Amy doesn't like school
 - c Amy's dad lives in the countryside
 - d Amy finds out that her dad
- 1) and likes flying.
 - 2) and Amy has come to live with her dad.
 - 3) because people laugh at her.
 - 4) has a girlfriend called Susan.

Chapters 4–6

- 5 **Imagine you are Amy. Write to one of your best friends back in New Zealand. Tell him or her about your new life in Canada. Write about the things you like and don't like about your new home. Tell your friend how you are feeling.**

- 6 **With another student, talk about how you could help Amy. What could you do to make her feel better about what has happened to her? Write down your thoughts.**

- 7 **Choose the correct verb for the sentence.**

makes shines gone keep finds collects

Amy (a) some goose eggs. The mother has (b), so she (c) a nest for them. Amy (d) sixteen eggs and (e) a light on them to (f) them warm.

- 8 **Do a collage of Amy sitting with her geese in the garage. Use material, paper, small sticks and other things to make the picture look like the geese in their nest.**
- 9 **Find some pictures of baby geese or ducks in books or on the Internet. Write down as many adjectives as you can think of to describe them.**
- 10 **Imagine you are Amy. You are very angry with Glen because he wants to cut the wings of the geese so they can't fly. Write to him, telling him that he mustn't cut their wings. Tell him why.**

Chapters 7–9

- 11 **Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?**

- a Amy names sixteen geese.
- b Amy's dad and Harry build an aeroplane.
- c The plane crashes and Amy is badly hurt.
- d Amy believes her mum is with her.
- e Amy's dad teaches her to fly.

- 12 **Amy's plane looks like a mother goose. If you had your own plane, what would it look like? Would you like a plane that looked like an animal?**

What sort of animal would you choose? Draw a picture of your plane and write a paragraph to describe it.

- 13 **Underline the correct word.**

- a Amy and the geese have to fly *south / north*.
- b They have to fly to *North / South* Carolina.
- c Igor has problems flying because of his *wing / feet*.
- d At first the geese won't follow the *sun / plane*.

- 14 **Work with two other students.**

Student A: You are Susan. You think the plan to fly with the geese is dangerous. You don't want Amy to fly. You try to persuade Dad and Amy to agree with you.



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Student B: You are Amy. You really want to save your geese and will do anything to do this. You do not think flying a plane is dangerous.

Student C: You are Dad. You think that if you teach Amy to fly properly, she will be safe.

Have the conversation.

Chapters 10–14

15 Choose your favourite chapter of the book so far. From this chapter, choose a scene that you would like to do for a film. How can you do this scene? Where can you film it? Is the scene inside or outside? What sort of light do you need? What things will you need? What will people wear?

Write down your ideas and do some drawings to show what you will do.

16 Is there an unusual journey you would like to go on? Would you like to visit another country far away? Would you like to travel in an unusual way?

Write about a journey you would like to go on. Write how you would like to travel and where you would like to go.

17 Choose the correct word for each sentence. Look at the Word List at the back of the book to help you.

promise together dream field
migrate lake

- a Last night I had a
- b We jumped into the It was lovely and cold.
- c 'I'll bring the present tomorrow. It's a
- d Many birds need to in winter.
- e 'Let's go into town. We can go
- f We sat and had a picnic in the

18 Work with another student.

Student A: You are interviewing Amy on the radio. Ask her about her journey, how she flew the plane and how she felt. Ask her lots of questions.

Student B: You are Amy. Talk about what happened to you during your journey and how you felt.

Chapters 15–18

19 Put the titles of the chapters in the correct order.

- a Following the Dream
- b Home again
- c Going South
- d No Geese at Home
- e Journey's End
- f Famous Geese
- g Mabel's Help

20 Work with another student and write the front page of a newspaper. Think of a headline. Find or draw pictures of the plane, geese, Amy and her dad.

21 Put this conversation in the correct order.

- a 'Igor!' I cried. I ran to him.
- b 'Look at this! Look at this!'
- c 'Yes, I think he's OK,' Dad said.
- d 'Is he OK?' I asked.
- e 'What?' I said.

22 Imagine you were with Dad and Amy when they arrived at the airport. Write about what happened to you. Were you afraid of the men with guns?

23 Complete the sentences in your own words.

- a We flew all day with the geese behind us. Suddenly
- b There were buildings below us, and
- c I jumped out of my plane. Then
- d I can't fly. You must
- e You mum followed her dream. You
- f I ran back to the plane and,
- g Far away in the evening light, I saw



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Introduction and Chapter 1

- 1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
- a Amy is staying with her father.
 - b The last time she visited her father's home was seven years ago.
 - c Amy's mother was killed in a car accident.
 - d Amy and her mother lived in Canada.
 - e Amy likes her new home.

Chapters 2–3

2 Put the words from the box in the right places.

suddenly love hospital noise marsh crazy

- a 'Where am I?' I thought the next morning. 'Back in the
- b Outside I saw a field with flowers, some hills and below the hills a with water and geese.
- c It was my dad with wings, running, running down the hill—and he flew through the sky.
- d He laughed! He laughed! Happy? He was
- e I looked out of the window. There was a
- f He didn't understand. He didn't me.

Chapters 4–6

3 Put the verbs from the box in the right places.

sat watched was couldn't had put
walked made

Then suddenly I knew I (a) leave them. I (b) to stay with them. I (c) a big nest on the floor and (d) them in it, one by one. It (e) very, very late. I was very tired and I (f) down in the nest next to them. I (g) them and they (h) over me, over my arms and legs and face.

4 What happens first? What happens next? Number the sentences 1–5.

- a 'I'm not going!' I said.
- b 'They can't stay in the house,' Dad said.
- c 'Amy!' Dad said.
- d 'They must!' I said. 'They're too young to go outside.'
- e There was a sound outside—the school bus. 'That's your bus!' Dad said.

Chapters 7–9

5 Correct the mistakes.

- a Susan wants to be Amy's mother.
- b Amy's dad thinks he is a good father.
- c The geese need to migrate to a cold place.
- d Amy's dad built a bicycle.
- e Eighteen geese wanted to fly.

Chapters 10–14

6 Choose the correct word.

- a The geese flew *at / with / on* me.
- b I talked to mum inside my head. I told *her / it / him* everything.
- c Susan does not want Amy to fly. 'It's not that I don't want it. But I'm *angry / afraid / happy* for you.'
- d 'You're doing well,' Dad said. 'I'm not doing *everything / something / anything!*'
- e They were good. All but Igor. He was no good *on / in / at* flying.
- f Tomorrow we leave. You *can / must / will* fly or Glen will cut your wings.

Chapters 14–17

7 Answer the questions.

- a How will Amy get Igor to migrate? She will
- b Why are there so many TV and newspaper people waiting for Amy? They are waiting for her because
- c Why does Amy need to get to the marsh before dark? She needs to get there because
- d Why does Amy have to fly to the marsh without her dad? She has to do this because
- e What happens to the geese? They

8 Match the questions a–d with the answers 1–4.

- a Where is the marsh?
 - b Who will bring our food?
 - c How far must we fly before we reach the States?
 - d Why are there men with guns?
- 1) About 120 miles.
 - 2) Because we landed at an important airport.
 - 3) David and Barry will do it.
 - 4) It's in North Carolina.

Chapters 18–21

9 Who said the following?

- a 'You want to catch these geese. You want to kill them.'
- b 'And I'm happy you're here. Can we start again?'
- c 'It's not too bad, but I hurt my arm. I can't fly.'

Who is this about?

- d 'She's in the geese, she's in the sky. She's all around.'

Who thinks this?

- e 'Why? Does he love me?'