

UNIT: 2- A STORY OF SELF SACRIFICE AND BRAVERY

CLASS : VII

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

A. Look at the pictures.
Discuss and answer.



1. What makes a person a hero?

A person becomes a hero, if he risks his / her life for the sake of others.

2. How do heroes make a difference?

A hero is a person of distinguished courage and ability. They are admired for their brave deeds and noble qualities.

3. Does every hero have to fight or risk their life?

No, not every hero has to fight or risk his life. If he values humanity and does his best, he is a hero.

B. Think and Answer.

1. Can you think of a situation in which taking a small action would make a big difference?

One day, I joined a mission-oriented online group. I raised money for a good cause. I started my own website. I volunteered for it remotely. I donated for a good cause. A small action of mine, made a big difference in my life.

2. What about everyday heroes, who do small but important acts?

Everyday heroes should be appreciated for their valuable acts of brave deeds. They are not admired because their acts are unknown to the public.

3. Are these people really heroes?

Yes, these people are really heroes.

C. Discuss and answer.

1. How did Neerja save the Americans?

Neerja saved the Americans by hiding their passports and throwing them down the rubbish bins.

2. Why did Neerja alert the pilots?

Neerja alerted the pilots to escape through the alternate exits.

3. What happened when the terrorists lost their patience?

When the terrorists lost their patience, Neerja leapt into action. She shed all her hesitation and fears. She worked her way around helping to save as many passengers as she could.

D. Discuss and answer.

1. Name the schools and colleges Neerja studied in.

Neerja studied in Sacred Heart School and Bombay Scottish School. She got graduated from St. Xavier's College.

2. Why was Neerja sent to London?

Neerja was sent to London to train to be a Purser.

3. What is the duty of a purser?

Pursers worked as managers on flights. They handled passenger complaints and security, They also made required announcements.

READ AND UNDERSTAND

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The terrorists asked Neerja to collect the passports of the passengers because they could identify the Americans on board.

2. Neerja passed on the warning in a code to the pilots because she wanted to alert them

3. Neerja leapt into action when she noticed there was chaos on board.

Neerja had a sour marriage due to pressurizing dowry demands

Neerja was sent to London based on her performance and peer review

B. Think and Write

1. "I will die; but not run away." - Justify the saying of Neerja.

The family of Neerja were discussing about the sensitive situation of an imaginary hijack. Then Neerja said these words, 'I will die, but not run away'. She was determined not to be a coward. She lived up to her word.

2. Why did the three governments of - India, America and Pakistan - honour Neerja?

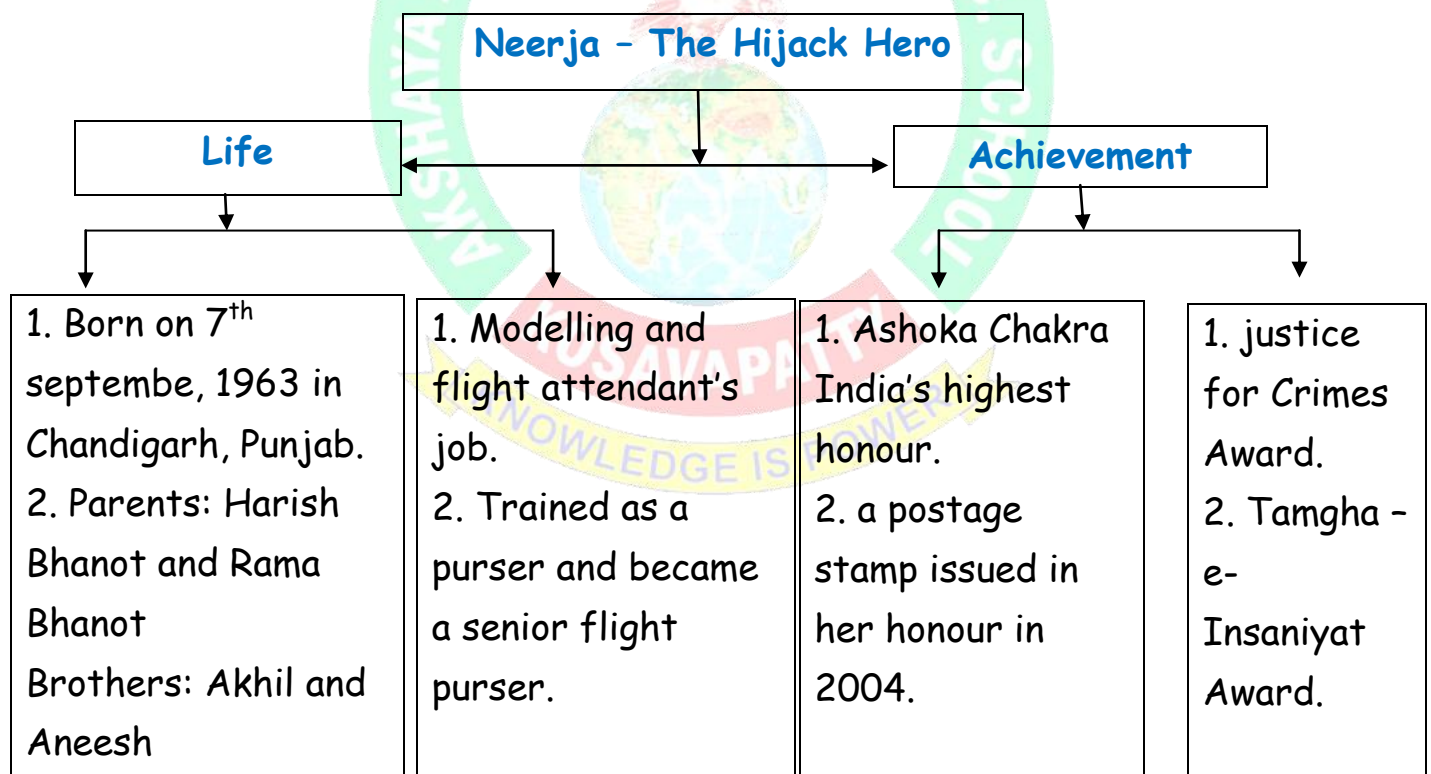
India, America and Pakistan acknowledged her act of bravery. She had saved so many passengers, risking her life. So she was honoured by these governments.

3. How can we abolish terrorism?

We can abolish terrorism by the following ways :

- (a) Stop supporting the Dictators who found terrorism.
- (b) Stop Arming terrorists.
- (c) Stop Imperial Conquests for Arab oil.
- (d) Stop torture.
- (e) Tackle corruption and money laundering.

C. Read the "Story of Self Sacrifice and Bravery" once again and complete the flow chart.



D. Write a summary based on the flow chart.

Neerja Bhanot was born on 7th September, 1963 in Chandigarh, Punjab, India. Her parents were Harish Bhanot and Rama Bhanot. Her father was a Mumbai based journalist. She had two brothers named Akhil and Aneesh. She started her career in modelling. She then applied for a flight attendant's job with 'Pan Am'. She sent to London to be trained as a Purser. Soon she became a senior flight purser. She was awarded the Ashoka Chakra award from the Indian government. A postage stamp was also issued in her honour in 2004. She was also awarded the Justice for Crimes Award and the Tamgha-e-Insaniyat Award from American and Pakistan government.

Vocabulary

E. Fill in the blanks with appropriate airline vocabulary given in the box.

(cock pit ,touch down ,call light ,gate,turbulence, bumpy ,take off ,landing, boarding pass ,runway)

- ❖ You must present the boarding pass at the gate.
- ❖ It might be a bumpy ride because we are flying through a storm.
- ❖ If you need anything just press the call light.
- ❖ The captain and the co-pilot sit in the cockpit.
- ❖ Gate 3B is down this hall and to your right.
- ❖ We will be landing in Chennai in approximately ten minutes.
- ❖ The plane almost missed the run way because it was such a bad storm.
- ❖ We are next in line to take off on this run way.
- ❖ That was a very smooth touch down.
- ❖ This turbulence should only last a few minutes.

F. Match the phrasal verbs in column A with their meaning in Column B.

A	B
Fight or flight	To defend oneself or to run away
Put to flight	To cause someone to flee
Take flight	To flee or run away
Flight of fancy	An imaginative but unrealistic idea
Have a nice flight	Enjoy you flight
In full flight	Escaping as rapidly as possible
Top-flight	Among the best of a particular group

G. Find out the anagrams. Use each pair of phrases as clues.

(An anagram is a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of a different word or phrase, typically using all the original letters exactly once.)

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| 1. The past tense of leap <u>leapt.</u> | Something to serve food on <u>plate.</u> |
| 2. A place to grow flowers <u>garden.</u> | Something to be careful of <u>danger.</u> |
| 3. Another word for under <u>below.</u> | A part of your arm <u>elbow.</u> |
| 4. Try to hear <u>listen.</u> | Another word for quiet <u>silent.</u> |
| 5. Another word for gift <u>present.</u> | A large snake or a dragon <u>serpent.</u> |
| 6. Minutes and hours <u>time.</u> | A thing on a list <u>itme.</u> |
| 7. An organ that pumps blood <u>heart.</u> | The planet we live on <u>earth.</u> |
| 8. Something used to water plants <u>hose.</u> | A thing you put on your foot <u>shoe.</u> |

H. Listen to the announcements and answer the questions.

Announcement 1

1. What is the number of the flight?

The number of the flight is 89 B.

2. What are the things to be kept ready?

Boarding Pass and Identification are the things to be kept ready.

3. When will the regular boarding begin?

The regular boarding will begin in approximately ten minutes.

Announcement 2

1. For whom is the final boarding call?

The final boarding call is for passengers Alex and Ruskin Collins.

2. Where should the passengers proceed?

The passengers should proceed to gate 3 immediately.

Where is the flight to?

The flight is to New Delhi

Announcement 3

1. When will the flight be in the air?

The flight is expected to be in the air in approximately seven minutes.

2. What are things that should be turned off?

All personal electronic devices including laptops and cell phones should be turned off.

3. What is prohibited during the flight?

Smoking is prohibited during the flight.

I. Read the story board and take roles as pilot and flight attendants to enact the scene. Inflight Passenger Announcements.

Flight Attendant 1: Ladies and Gentlemen, this is Indian Airline flight 999 bound for New York. This is a reminder that all carry-on baggage must fit securely either in the overhead compartments or under the seat in front of you.

Flight Attendant 2: The captain of this flight is Ms. Fatima. And I am Sylvia, the in-flight time to the destination will be eleven hours and 14 minutes. Our captain will provide you with more information after take-off.

Flight Attendant 1: Before our departure, please make sure that your seats are in the upright position and tray tables are stowed. Also, please be aware that this is a non-smoking cabin and smoking in the lavatory or any part of the cabin is strictly prohibited.

Flight Attendant 2: Cell phones and other electronic devices should be switched off while landing and take-off. We advise you to remain seated and fasten your seat belt at all times during our flight. On behalf of Indian Airline, we welcome you on board and wish you a pleasant journey. Please feel free to ask any attendant for assistance. Thank you!

Pilot : Hello everyone, this is the captain speaking, and I want to welcome you to Flight 18 bound for New York. Our flight time today is 11 hours and 14 minutes, and we will be flying at an average altitude of 29,000 feet. The local time at New York is a quarter to twelve (11:45), and the current weather is sunny, but there is a chance of rain later in the day. We will be arriving at Gate 13.

Flight Attendant 1: On behalf of Indian Airlines and the crew, I want to wish you an enjoyable stay in the Seattle area or at your final destination. Now, please sit back and enjoy the flight. Thank you.

J. Imagine that you are going to interview one of the survivors of the Pan Am Hijack. Discuss with your partner and write down the conversation.

**Then one of you play the role of the interviewer and other the survivor.
You can use the sample questions given below.**

- ❖ Do you have any information regarding the suspects of the hijack?
- ❖ Which countries did the hijackers belong?
- ❖ What are the details of the hijacked flight?
- ❖ How many passengers were aboard?
- ❖ What happened in the last few minutes of the hijack drama?
- ❖ Do you have information regarding the victims?
- ❖ Was there any recorded communication to/from the plane during the hijacking?
- ❖ How many terrorists were there?
- ❖ How did you feel when you were in the flight?
- ❖ Can you recall Neerja's role in safeguarding the passengers?

Answer:

Interviewer : Good Morning Sir. This is Manoj Tiwari from the 'Hindu'. I would like to interview you, as you are one of the survivors of the 'Pan Am Hijack'.

Survivor : Yes, it's true. I should thank the Almighty God and Neerja for saving our lives.

Interviewer : Yes, she had done a brave act, risking her life. Do you have any information regarding the suspects of the hijack?

Survivor : No, I don't have any information about them. But they do belong to Palestinian Organisation backed by Libya.

Interviewer : How many passengers were on board?

Survivor : There were around 360 passengers and 13 crew members.

Interviewer : How many terrorists were there?

Survivor : There were four Armed Terrorists.

Interviewer : Was there any recorded communication to / from the plane during the hijacking?

Survivor : I don't remember anything like that happened.

Interviewer : How did you feel when you were in the flight?

Survivor : We were all holding our breaths and terrified.

Interviewer : Can you recall Neerja's role in safeguarding the passengers?

Survivor : She shed all her hesitations and fears and worked her way

around evacuating as many passengers as she could. She waited selflessly in the face of death to help the ones around her. Such a great soul she is!

Grammar

L. Discuss with your partner and punctuate the following.

1. the woman said to the student please help me cross the street

The woman said to the students, "please help me cross the street,"

2. sarathy said oh how thrilling it was

Sarathy said, "Oh, how thrilling it was!"

3. the teacher said to the students where do you want to go

The teacher said to the students, "Where do you want to go?"

4. i am tired mohana said to her aunt

I am Ham tired, "Mohana said to her aunt.

5. shankar said to his teacher madam i had prepared my project assignment but i forgot to bring it

Shankar said to his teacher, "Madam, I had prepared my project assignment, but I forgot to bring it."

M. Complete the sentences in reported speech.

Example : I admire you. She said that she admired me.

1. "It is too late." I said that it Was too late.

2. "I met you yesterday." Sam told me that he had met me the previous day

3. "I cannot come." Mala said that she couldn't come.

4. "I will pay tomorrow." He said that he would pay the next day

5. "The Himalayas are the highest mountain ranges." He knew that the Himalayas are the highest mountain ranges.

6. "I may lend you some money" Balu promised to lend him some money

7. "I have been watching a film." He said that he had been watching a film.

8. "I have not done it today." I explained that I had not done it that day

9. "I was with him last week." Jimmy told that he was with him the previous week.

10. "I will finish this picture tomorrow." Jothi said that he would finish that picture the next day.

N. Read the following dialogue and report it.

Betty : What are you doing here, Kitty? I haven't seen you since June.

Kitty : I've just come back from my holiday in Darjeeling.

Betty : Did you enjoy it?

Kitty : I love Darjeeling. The landscape is amazing.

Betty : Did you go to the Lloyd's Botanical Garden?

Kitty : Yes. It was my first trip. I can show you some pictures. Are you doing any thing tomorrow?

Betty : I must arrange a couple of things. But I am free tonight.

Kitty : You might come to my place. What time shall we meet?

Betty : I'll be there at eight. Is it all right?

Betty asked Kitty what she was doing there And she added that she hadn't seen her since June. Kitty explained that she had just come back from her holiday in Darjeeling. Betty asked if she had enjoyed it. Kitty told her that she loved Darjeeling and that the landscape was amazing Betty wanted to know if she had gone to the Lloyd's Botanical Garden. Kitty said that it had been her first trip and that she could show her some pictures. And then she asked her if she was doing anything the next day. Betty explained that she had to arrange a couple of things. But she added that she was free that night. Kitty suggested that she might come to her place and asked her at what time they should meet Betty said she would be there at eight. And finally, she asked whether it was all right.

O. Read the story of Neerja Bhanot. Make notes based on the table and complete it.

Name	Neerja Bhanot
Father's Name & Occupation	Harish Bhanot - Mumbai-based Journalist
Mother's Name & Occupation	Rama Bhanot
Born on	7th September, 1963
Nationality	Indian
State	Punjab
City	Chandigarh
Education	School : 1. Sacred Heart School, Chandigarh.

	2. Bombay Scottish School, Mumbai
Higher Education	College: St, Xavier's College, Mumbai.
Career	Modelling, Flight Attendant's job
Personal Life	Marriage, Flight attendant's job
Siblings	Two brothers Akhil and Aneesh
Achievements	1. Senior Flight Purse at 22 Years 2. The youngest civilian to be awarded the Ashok Chakra, the highest honour for bravery
Awards	Ashok Chakra (1987), Justice for Crimes Award (2005) and Tamghae Insaniyat Award (1987).
Legacy	Insurance Money and Funds from 'Pan Am'
Died on	September 5, 1986
Place of Death	Karachi Airport

(Poem) Courage

A. Answer the following questions.

1. Can courage be developed suddenly? Why?

No, courage cannot be developed suddenly, because it is something, deep-rooted in the soul of a man.

2. When should we have courage?

All those who make great efforts towards a goal, should have courage.

3. Give an example for dazzling light.

'Fire fly' is an example for dazzling light.

4. Can a courageous man be defeated? Why?

No, a courageous man cannot be defeated. This is so because a brave man can never be freed of it.

5. What is the 'breath of life'?

Courage is the 'breath of life'.

6. What are the characteristics of a courageous man?

Patience and strength are the characteristics of a courageous man.

B. Read the following lines and answer the questions.

1. It isn't an instantaneous thing

Born of despair with a sudden spring

(a) What does 'it' refer to?

'It' refers to 'courage'.

(b) What does 'born of despair' mean?

'Born of despair' means 'born of hopelessness'.

2. It's a slow, unwavering, ingrained trait

With the patience to work and the strength to wait.

(a) What is an 'ingrained trait'?

Courage is an 'ingrained trait'.

(b) Why does a courageous man need patience?

A courageous man needs patience because courage is a slow, steady and firm quality.

3. It's part of his hours, his days and his years,
Back of his smiles and behind his tears.

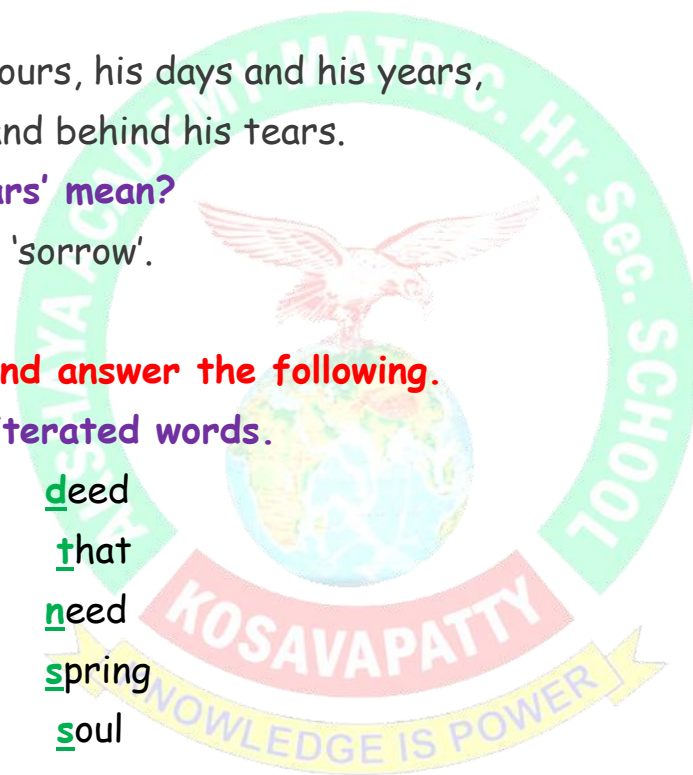
(a) What does 'tears' mean?

'Tears' means 'sorrow'.

C. Work in pairs and answer the following.

1. Pick out the alliterated words.

- ❖ Daring - deed
- ❖ thing - that
- ❖ no - need
- ❖ sudden - spring
- ❖ something - soul
- ❖ serve - some
- ❖ thing - that
- ❖ can - call
- ❖ he - have
- ❖ who - would
- ❖ no - need
- ❖ can - come
- ❖ may - meat
- ❖ his - hours



2. Pick out the rhyming words.

- ❖ Dash - flash
- ❖ Thing - spring
- ❖ hope - rope
- ❖ man - plan
- ❖ resort - sport
- ❖ call - fall
- ❖ not - hot
- ❖ goal - soul
- ❖ light - sight
- ❖ trait - wait
- ❖ blue - do
- ❖ show - go
- ❖ defeat - meet
- ❖ years - tears
- ❖ deed - creed

3. Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.

The rhyming scheme of the poem is 'a a b b'.

D. Work in small groups. Pick out the adjectives and nouns that suit you using a dictionary. Read the steps given. Arrange adjectives and nouns like the given sample to construct your Bio-Poem. Present in the class.

Sarah

Strict, smart, active and friendly,
Daughter of Lazaro, sister of Francis
Lover of sports, music and reading.
Who feels enthusiastic, merry and comfortable
Who needs peace, health and prosperity
Who gives courage, money and guidance
Who fears cockroaches, spiders and lizards
Who would like to see the Himalayas, Kashmir and Europe
Lives in Australia

James

(SUPPLEMENTARY) MAN OVERBOARD

A. Complete the following statements.

1. Everyone in the ship started to pray because - _____
they received a message about the formation of storm
2. Vasanthas imagination ran wild because - _____
she remembered her class teacher telling about a big storm
3. Vasantha made a lot of noise because - _____
a man tumbled over the railings into the wild sea
4. Vasantha could not see the rescue operation because - _____
the boat was too far for her to see what was happening
5. The captain presented a gift to Vasantha because - _____
of her immediate action in saving a man

B. Identify the speaker / character.

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| 1. Don't worry, Madam, it's only a warning. | A gentle man |
| 2. A man fell into the sea. Please save him. | Vasantha |
| 3. Stop ship. Drop anchor. Quick! | Captain of the ship |
| 4. He'll have to be given artificial respiration and kept warm. The doctor | |
| 5. Wake up, child. | A sailor |

C. Book Talk!

Read the story once again and fill in the boxes.

Plot:

Beginning : Vasantha was on board a ship called S.S. Rajula. She was travelling to Singapore after her stay with her grandparents.

Middle : Due to a strong wind, the ship rocked to and fro. Huge waves were dashing against it. A man on board tumbled over the railings into the wild sea. Vasantha shouted for help. The rescue officers saved him and he was sent for immediate medical care.

End : The man was saved. The captain of the ship was pleased and presented her a model of a ship. Vasantha was the happiest person on board that day.

Setting:

When : She boarded a ship called S.S. Rajula which was going to Singapore.

Where : At Madras Harbour.

Characters:

Vasantha: Vasantha, a young girl.

Captain : Captain Lindsay, Captain of the ship 'S.S. Rajula'.

Others :

A person standing next to Vasantha.

An old lady.

A gentleman.

Another lady who was sitting beside Vasantha.

A man who fell into the sea.

Two sailors who saved him.

The ship's doctor.

Two nurses.

Rescue team.

Problems:

Describe the problem in the story :

When a huge wave lashed the ship, a man tumbled over the railings into the wild sea.

Solution:

Describe the solution :

Vasantha alerted everyone to save the man. The Rescue team struggled and the two sailors dragged the man to the ship. Immediate medical care was given to him.

Favourite part:

Write the part you enjoyed the most :

Vasantha's immediate action in alerting the members of the ship to save the man.

F. In each question below, there is a sentence in which some parts have been jumbled up, Rearrange these parts which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence.

1. When he

P : did not know

Q : he was nervous and

R : heard the hue and cry at midnight

S : what to do

(a) RQPS

(b) QSPR

(c) SQPR

(d) PQRS

2. They felt safer

P : to watch the mountain

Q : of more than five miles

R : as they settled down

S : from a distance

(a) RPSQ

(b) RSQP

(c) PQRS

(d) PRSQ

3. If you need help

P : promptly and politely

Q : ask for attendants

R : to help our customers

S : who have instructions

(a) SQPR

(b) QPSR

(c) QSRP

(d) SQRP

4. He knew that

P : and then to save himself

Q : was to save all the lives

R : entrusted to his care

S : the duty of a captain

(a) PQRS

(b) SQRP

(c) SPRQ

(d) QSRP

5. With her body

P : dragging her unwilling feet

Q : weak and infirm

R : doubled with age

S : she persisted in her mission

(a) PQRS

(b) QPRS

(c) RQPS

(d) SRPQ

