

Read the Chinese story and answer the following questions.

Putting Yourself in Someone's Shoes

1. During the Spring and Autumn Period*, in the State of Qi, there was a high official called Yan Ying. He was smart and cared about the livelihood of people.

2. In a cold winter, it had been snowing heavily for three days and three nights. Duke Jing of Qi was wearing a long thick coat and enjoying the scenery of snow in the hall of his house. "How wonderful it is! I really hope that it will continue to snow for a few more days. The scenery would be even more beautiful," exclaimed Duke Jing of Qi loudly. He forgot that poor people might suffer a lot from the severe cold.

3. At that moment, Yan Ying came in and looked worriedly at the snow. Duke Jing of Qi said to Yan Ying, "This year, the weather is very strange. It has been snowing for three days but it is still not cold at all. It is just like springtime!" Yan Ying saw Duke Jing of Qi wearing a long thick coat in his comfortable house. "Is it really not cold at all?" he asked. Duke Jing of Qi nodded his head and replied, "I'm not a three-year-old kid. Do you think I can't tell when it's hot or cold?"

4. Yan Ying knew that Duke Jing of Qi did not understand why he asked the question, so he said directly, "In ancient times, wise rulers thought about people who were hungry, cold and tired when they themselves were full, warm and comfortable. We should remember the people in need." Duke Jing of Qi was speechless. He felt ashamed and immediately gave away food and clothes to those who were hungry and cold.

5. People who have love and concern for others will always put themselves in other people's shoes. They will think of other people's feelings and render help.



*The Spring and Autumn Period refers to a period of time (770 BC to 476 BC) in ancient Chinese history characterised by instability.