

Reading Comprehension: The King And The Minister

Several years ago, there lived a brave king. He had a big palace and a huge kingdom. He was a very kind man. All the people in the kingdom loved the king and respected him. The king was not greedy and always put his subjects before himself.

He had a very good team of ministers. The king and his ministers were always concerned and thoughtful about the people and their benefits.

One day, the king suddenly fell ill. People of the kingdom prayed for his well-being. The team of his learned doctors was at his service. They tried their best to save the king, but no medicine seemed to work on him. The doctors finally concluded that only fright could make the king better. They explained that the king needs shock therapy.

The king was a very brave man, and it was not easy to scare him. The smartest minister in the king's team thought hard about ways to frighten the king. He was also the king's favorite minister. He finally came up with a plan.

On a full moon night, he took the king and some ministers to the river bank. It was winter and the water was very cold. At the decided time, he pushed the king into the cold water. There were sailors and swimmers already waiting in the water. They brought the king safely to the river bank as soon as he fell into the water. The cold water and the fright helped in making the king well and healthy.



The king was furious with the minister and sent him to prison. The other ministers tried to explain to the king that the minister did all this to help him, but he was too furious to listen. He asked the guards to execute the minister.

On the day of the execution, the king called the executioner to the side and said, "I want to prank him. Do not let the axe fall on the minister. Just pour some water on his neck. I want to have a good laugh when I see his frightened face."

The executioner did what he was told. They waited for the minister to wake up. However, sadly, the minister never woke up. The fright had given him a heart attack. The king sat there, shedding tears, looking at his favorite minister, and repenting the stupid prank he played.

Answer the following questions based on the text.

1. How did the king treat his people?

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2. What did the king and his ministers think about all the time?

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3. What treatment did the doctors recommend for the king?

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4. Who came up with the idea to help the king?

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5. What was the minister's plan?

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6. How did the minister execute his plan?

7. How did the king react to the minister's plan?

8. What did the angry king do to the minister?

9. How did the king plan his revenge?

10. What happened to the minister?

Write the moral of the story in your own words.
