



ANSWERS

1. the emperor is foolish and vain; the tailors are dishonest, the little boy who says that the emperor is naked is honest and genuine.
2. Two tailors offer to make the emperor a set of clothes that can only be seen by people who are intelligent and competent. Though they pretend to be hard at work, they in fact make nothing. The emperor, afraid to reveal that he, himself, may be stupid and incompetent, pretends to be able to see the clothes, and so does everyone around him, even though he is walking about naked. The only person that tells the truth is a small boy who yells out that "the emperor has no clothes."
3. You should use your own mind, and not just go along with what others say or believe.
4. This story is memorable because it dramatizes an extreme of how silly people can be when they are trying to go along with the crowd.