

# POINT OF VIEW

Read the passages below and answer the questions.

Once, there was a rich man named Chen Boshi in the town of Quanzhou. Life treated Chen Boshi well; he bought what he wished. But he didn't enjoy his wealth; he spent all his time investing, lending, collecting, and paying taxes. Normal mealtime hours were impossible.

One evening, Chen Boshi's wife walked into his office and said, "My dear husband, we may be rich, but your money has made you its slave. Take care before it ruins you." He knew his wife spoke the truth, but he didn't know how to change. Suddenly, the sound of someone singing and playing the flute floated across the room.

"Listen," said Chen Boshi's wife. "That's our neighbor Li. He and his wife constantly struggle to pay their bills. Yet every night he sings as if he has no cares, while you who have everything but no time even to eat or sleep."

"True," answered Chen Boshi, "but remember, it is money that brings problems. If Li had money, he too would no longer sing or be happy." The next day, Chen Boshi gave Li 50 pieces of silver. Li was overwhelmed; he said to his wife, "We are rich. Let's quit work and just sit back and invest this money." But how to invest was the question. Li thought and thought. So did his wife.

That night, Chen Boshi and his wife waited for the sound of flute and singing. They heard nothing. And the next night, too. They could no longer hear Li playing the flute.



**A** Identify the speaker of the following lines: Write “first” for the first person or “third” for the third person.

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Chen Boshi did not enjoy his wealth.

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**B** Write as Li: why did you stop playing the flute?

**I stopped playing the flute because**

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