

Quoting to Support Inferences

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A Read the Story

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She stays calm and acts fast: "her voice calm but quick."

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Proud and at home: "he felt like he belonged."

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He did not feel he belonged yet; the text says "for the first time" he felt like he belonged.