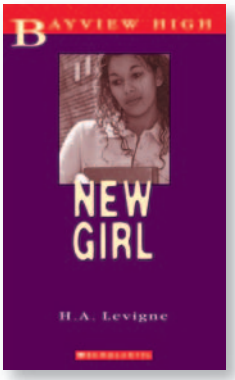

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Working with Words—Word Choice

Authors chose their word carefully when composing dialogue between two or more characters. The dialogue reveals what is being said, but the speech tags (he said, she said) help to convey the feeling, tone, or mood of the speaker.

Read each sentence. Look at the underlined speech tags. What are the feelings of the character?

1. "Mom!" she cried. "It's me." _____
2. "No, I'm okay, " she moaned. _____
3. "It wasn't my fault," Anna protested. _____
4. " I didn't know he was going to be a jerk!" she argued. _____
5. "He's a liar and a pig!" she thought. _____
5. " I know you miss your Gran, too", Mrs. Kelley said softly. _____

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