

Say It With Feeling!

Show your characters' emotions by using descriptive verbs and adverbs after dialogue.



Instead of "said," try...

- ◆ "What are we doing?" Kit **whispered.** *→ nervous about the situation*
- ◆ "Oh dear," **fussed** Mrs. Howard.
- ◆ "Aunt Millie!" Dad **exclaimed.** *→ excited or surprised*
- ◆ "I'll get it!" she **called.**
- ◆ "Yes!" **barked** Uncle Hendrick.
- ◆ "I don't think so," **sighed** Kit.

Or add an adverb:

- ◆ "Ah, that's too bad," said Papá **sadly.**
- ◆ "Are you all right?" Ana asked **kindly.** *→ shows compassion*
- ◆ "No," she answered **seriously.**
- ◆ "But why?" asked Josefine **indignantly.** *→ feeling annoyed!*



Get to know Kit and Josefine with the American Girl Character historical fiction series!