

Voting

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Do you vote? Why or why not?
- If yes, how did you feel the first time you voted?

Definitions:

- Running – to take part in a race or contest
- Ballot – a printed voting form
- Voting booth – the small space where you vote
- Sealed – tightly closed



Reading

15 Today, Song votes for the first time. She is very excited! She could not vote
in her home country of Laos.

21 Jane Smith is running for the school board. Song has talked with Jane. She
35 agrees with her plan to solve school problems. Song wants her to win.

48 Song goes to the grade school gym. That is where she votes. Song signs her
63 name and address. A woman hands her a ballot. Then she takes Song to a voting
79 booth. Song goes in and votes. She marks an “x” by Jane Smith’s name.

93 Song leaves the booth and puts her ballot in the sealed box. She feels good
108 about doing her part.

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Understanding

1. What will Song do for the first time? _____

2. For whom will Song vote? _____

3. What does Song write before she votes? _____

4. How does Song mark her ballot? _____

5. Where does Song put her ballot? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Do you think it is important to vote? Why or why not?
