FOUR WAYS TO QUOTE FROM TEXT:

- speaker/source
- quoted words
- explanation/elaboration

EASIEST: two sentences

explanation / speaker-quote
The two big trains represent snobby, rude people. One retorts, "ME help YOU? I don’t think so!"

quote-speaker / explanation
"ME help YOU?,” the train snorted. These words and the snarling facial expression of the engine show rudeness and contempt.

EASY: one sentence followed by colon + quoted words

speaker-explanation / quote
The little blue train demonstrated positive thinking: “I think I can.... I think I can.... I think I can.” The toys represent helpless people: “Please, help us. We don’t know what to do.”

HARDER: one sentence with three parts separated

speaker-quote-elaboration
The big train sneered, "ME help YOU? I don’t think so,” as he went upon his way, refusing to stop.

speaker-quote-explanation
The little blue train says, "But I’ve never done this before... I’m only a little engine," words which show his insecurity.

HARDEST: one sentence with quote integrated

speaker-quote-elaboration
The little blue train’s words “I think I can” repeated over and over are often seen only as a catchy rhyme instead of a message about the importance of positive thinking when trying new things.

quote-source-explanation
"Try it.... you’ll like it” is a message in Green Eggs and Ham that could have negative consequences in today’s complex world.