

Writing Planning Sheet (Filled In)

What will be stolen/misplaced/eaten? **sister's baseball**

Who will you blame (culprit)? **a crocodile**

Beginning of story (Fill in the blanks or write your own beginning.)

*By now I think you know what happened to your **baseball**. But you may not know how it happened. So let me tell you. It all started with **a crocodile**.*

What is the culprit's setting at the beginning of the story? **In the swamp at the zoo**

How does the culprit get to the baseball? **He runs out of the door when the zoo keeper mistakenly leaves it open. Hops in camper in parking lot to hide. Family doesn't know. Rides with family to their home.**

Tell several things that happen next. **Goes into backyard and flops in swimming pool. Splashes around. Gets out and climbs tree to tree house. Spies white round object with red on it. Creeps over to check it out. Decides he wants it for his collection of things at the zoo.**

How does the culprit get home? **He sees a taxi on the street and hops in to ride back to the zoo. He slips back into the swamp with the baseball in his mouth.**

Ending of story (Fill in the blanks or write your own ending.)

*So. That's what happened to your **baseball**. The **alligator** ate it. I saw it all. I tried to save your **baseball**. I was able to save this little bit of **red string** here. The **crocodile** dropped it as he ran off, but I couldn't save the rest. I'm sorry to have to tell you about your **baseball** this way, but now you know...*