The missing whistle

Read together. Look for the clue that changes Leo's idea.

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1 The team was ready, but Coach could not find her whistle. A strange squeak came from the equipment shed. Leo thought a ghost had joined the team.

2 Maya noticed muddy paw prints leading through the open door. Inside, a puppy was chewing a squeaky toy. The whistle hung safely on a hook above it.

3 Coach laughed. The team gave the puppy water and began the game. Leo said, "That shed was a mystery box!"

whistle: a small tool that makes a sharp sound
shed: a small building for keeping equipment

Why did Maya check the shed? Use a detail from the text.

Was the shed really a box? Explain what Leo meant.

Act the mystery out. Then tell the beginning, middle and end.

Put the mystery in order

Cut the three cards. Put them in story order. Explain each choice.

A Discovery A puppy chews a toy. The whistle is on a hook.
B Problem Coach cannot find her whistle. Leo hears a squeak.
C Clue Maya sees muddy paw prints through the open door.

Beginning _____ Middle _____ End _____

Say a word. Build it. Cover it. Write it. Check it.

l	o	s	t	p	u	p
p	y	th	r	ou	gh	

Target words: lost • puppy • through

My first spelling and my checked spelling:

Partner talk: "I agree with your clue because…"
"My question about your idea is…"

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Explain the solution

Say your ideas first. Write two developed sentences. Use a useful because.

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Beginning, middle and end · quick notes:

Two words I will spell: _____ _____

My first version:

Check: □ I explain why. □ My detail is in the story.
□ I check both spellings. □ I use capitals and end marks.

One sentence I improve:

My partner's idea helped me think about _____

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Make the explanation clear

Plan → Write → Edit. Keep the story in past tense. Use through meaningfully.

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My plan · What happened, and why?

My first version · two developed sentences:

Check: □ **capitals** □ **end marks** □ **past tense**
□ **through is used correctly** □ **a precise story detail**

One sentence I improve:

Ask your partner one question about the explanation.