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Subject: English
Sheet: Poetry - All my great excuses

All My Great Excuses

Read the poem below 'All My Great Excuses' and fill in the gaps with the **past simple tense** of the verb in brackets.

I _____ (start) on my homework
but my pen _____ (run) out of ink.
My hamster _____ (eat) my homework.
My computer's on the blink.

I accidentally _____ (drop) it
in the soup my mom was cooking.
My brother _____ (flush) it down the toilet
when I wasn't looking.

My mother _____ (run) my homework
through the washer and the dryer.
An airplane _____ (crash) into our house.
My homework _____ (catch) on fire.

Tornadoes _____ (blow) my notes away.
Volcanoes _____ (strike) our town.
My notes _____ (are) taken hostage
by an evil killer clown.

Some aliens abducted me.
I _____ (have) a shark attack.
A pirate _____ (swipe) my homework
and _____ (refuse) to give it back.

I _____ (work) on these excuses
so darned long my teacher said,
"I think you'll find it's easier
to do the work instead."

-- Kenn Nesbitt

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