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# All My Great Excuses

Read this poem and follow the instructions on the back

I started on my homework  
but my pen ran out of ink.  
My hamster ate my homework.  
My computer's on the blink.

I accidentally dropped it  
in the soup my mom was cooking.  
My brother flushed it down the toilet  
when I wasn't looking.

My mother ran my homework  
through the washer and the dryer.  
An airplane crashed into our house.  
My homework caught on fire.



Tornadoes blew my notes away.  
Volcanoes struck our town.  
My notes were taken hostage  
by an evil killer clown.

Some aliens abducted me.  
I had a shark attack.  
A pirate swiped my homework  
and refused to give it back.

I worked 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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Think of a new, funny excuse for not doing your homework.  
Describe what happened in detail.

Create a new character (like the clown or the pirate) that made  
you lose your homework. Write what they did and how you felt.

Imagine one of the excuses in the poem really happened.  
Write a story about it. What did you do? How did it happen?