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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