

# All my great excuses

## 1<sup>st</sup> listening: Link the subject and the verb

Pen	Blow away
Hamster	Flush
Computer	Crash
Brother	Swipe
Airplane	Eat
Tornadoes	Run out
Killer clown	Take hostage
Pirate	Be on the blink

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Listening: Fill in the blanks with the past simple tense of the verbs

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