Past Simple vs. Past Perfect – Fill in the Gaps

Instructions:

Complete the story using the **past simple** or **past perfect** form of the verbs in parentheses.

- Use **past perfect** (*had + past participle*) for actions that happened **before another past action** or **before a specific time in the past**.
- Use **past simple** for the **main past events** in the story.

A Funny Date – Fill in the Gaps

Jake was excited for his date with Ann. He wanted everything to be perfect. But his night did not go as planned.

First, he made a big mistake while getting ready. After he **(brush)** _____ his teeth, he **(use)** _____ mouthwash. But soon, his mouth started to burn! He looked at the bottle and realized he **(use)** _____ aftershave, not mouthwash! He quickly **(rinse)** _____ his mouth again with the correct bottle.

Then, Jake **(go)** _____ to get dressed. He wanted to wear his favorite shirt, but it **(be)** _____ still in the washing machine. He **(forget)** _____ to put it in the dryer. His mother **(already/dry)** _____ it, but when he **(take)** _____ it out, he saw that it **(shrink)** _____! He couldn't wear it. So, he **(put)** _____ on a different shirt and **(run)** _____ out the door.

Jake **(arrive)** _____ at the restaurant just in time. But after a few minutes, he saw something strange—his shirt was inside out! He **(run)** _____ to the bathroom to fix it. When he **(come back)** _____ , he saw that the waiter **(give)** _____ his table to someone else. After waiting again, he finally **(get)** _____ a new table.

Then, Jake's phone **(ring)** _____. It was Ann. She was upset. "Where are you? I **(wait)** _____ for 20 minutes," she said. Jake was confused. He **(be)** _____ at **Taqueria Loca**, but Ann **(go)** _____ to **Taqueria San Jose**!

Ann agreed to come to Jake's restaurant. When she **(arrive)** _____, Jake **(feel)** _____ happy. They **(talk)** _____ a lot and **(have)** _____ fun. They **(like)** _____ the same music and both **(play)** _____ basketball. Jake thought, *Finally, everything is okay!*