PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT?

Read and complete the text below with the verbs in brackets ( ). Pay attention to the sequence of the events. You can use Past Simple or Past Perfect.

I _____ (go) to a very big amusement park yesterday. I _____ (never/be) to one before. I _____ (visit) small county fairs with Ferris wheels and merry-go-rounds, but this amusement park _____ (have) huge roller coasters that _____(go) really fast. They even went upside down. I had never ridden a roller coaster before. I _____ (see) them in movies, but I always _____ (think) they looked scary.

When I _____ (ride) it for the first time, I _____ (love) it. I rode it five times in a row! I had also hoped to ride the biggest roller coaster in the park, but the lineups were too long. I _____ (always/hear) that amusement parks were fun, but I had never imagined I would like them this much!