

Put the following verbs into the simple past:

Thomas _____ (live) in the small town of Brington. Thomas _____ (love) walking through the beautiful forest that surrounded Brington. One evening, he _____ (take) his umbrella and _____ (go) for a walk in the woods. He _____ (meet) an old man named Frank. Frank _____ (tell) Thomas that, if he _____ (want) to become rich, he should invest in a little-known stock called Microsoft. Thomas _____ (think) Frank _____ (be) foolish because Microsoft _____ (be) a computer stock. Everybody _____ (know) that computers _____ (be) just a passing fad. At any rate, Frank _____ (insist) that Thomas _____ (be) wrong. Frank _____ (draw) a wonderful graph of future possibilities. Thomas _____ (begin) thinking that maybe Frank _____ (understand) stocks. Thomas _____ (decide) to buy some of these stocks. The next day, he _____ (go) to the stock broker's and _____ (buy) \$1,000 worth of Microsoft stock. That _____ (be) in 1986. Today, that \$1,000 is worth more than \$250,000!