

**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!