

Перевод текста. Аналитическое чтение. Привести примеры (из текста) и разобрать употребление past simple.

What do you think of television?

Let's talk about television. I've just remembered a funny incident a couple of years ago. Some friends invited me for a drink. They lived in a big block of flats, and when I got there, I took the lift up to their flat. Somebody opened the door, but I couldn't see the person clearly because all the lights were off and the television was on. I was pushed into a chair, and somebody put a glass into my hand. I quite enjoy watching television, but this was a bad programme, and I hate watching bad programmes. Still, what could I do? I don't mind sitting and resting with a drink in my hand after a long day. The programme went on for about half an hour, and I remember thinking, "I'll never accept another invitation from people with a television." Then the programme came to an end, and somebody switched the lights on and I stood up. What a surprise! I didn't know the other people in the room, and they didn't know me! I had made a mistake. This was the 5th floor, and my friends lived on the 15th floor. Well, I explained my mistake and began apologizing, but they were very nice and friendly. "Stay and have another drink with us," they said. However, I hate not being punctual, so I apologized again and left.

I caught the lift up to the 15th floor and rang the bell at my friends' flat. Somebody opened the door, but all the lights in the flat were off and the television was on, so I quickly said, "I'm David Braine. Please apologize to Dr Perez for me, but I have to go to the station and haven't time for a drink." Then I took the lift back to the 5th floor and had a drink with my new friends. At least their television was off!

