

8A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

- a Complete the conversation with the past tense of the verb in the brackets. Be careful with +, -, and ?.

A new life

Inspector Granger OK, Mr Thomas. Please just relax and tell me the problem.

Mr Thomas It's my wife. She ¹went (go) out yesterday evening. And she ²_____ (not come) back.

Inspector Granger When ³_____ (you / see) your wife for the last time?

Mr Thomas Yesterday evening, at about nine thirty.

Inspector Granger Tell me what happened yesterday. ⁴_____ (you / do) anything unusual?

Mr Thomas No, it ⁵_____ (be) just a normal day. We ⁶_____ (wake up) at seven. I ⁷_____ (have) breakfast. Then I ⁸_____ (drive) to work. My wife ⁹_____ (not have) breakfast. In the morning I think she ¹⁰_____ (go) shopping. She ¹¹_____ (come) home at lunchtime. I don't know what she ¹²_____ (do) in the afternoon. She probably ¹³_____ (make) the dinner.

Inspector Granger When ¹⁴_____ (you / come) home?

Mr Thomas I ¹⁵_____ (arrive) home at about seven thirty. I ¹⁶_____ (sit) down and ¹⁷_____ (read) the newspaper, and ¹⁸_____ (check) my emails. We ¹⁹_____ (have) dinner at about eight. After dinner, I ²⁰_____ (watch) TV. I ²¹_____ (go to sleep) in my chair.

Inspector Granger ²²_____ (you / speak) to your wife at all? What ²³_____ (she / say) to you?

Mr Thomas We ²⁴_____ (not talk) during dinner. After dinner she ²⁵_____ (say), 'This isn't a life. I need to go out.' She ²⁶_____ (call) a taxi. I ²⁷_____ (hear) the taxi about fifteen minutes later. She ²⁸_____ (take) her bag and her coat and ²⁹_____ (close) the door. She ³⁰_____ (not say) goodbye.

Inspector Granger I see, Sir. I think I know why she ³¹_____ (leave).



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- b Read the story again. Then cover it. Can you remember five things that Mr and Mrs Thomas did yesterday?

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2 didn't come

3 did you see

4 Did you do

5 was

6 woke up

7 had

8 drove

9 didn't have

10 went

11 came

12 did

13 made

14 did you come

15 arrived

16 sat

17 read

18 checked

19 had

20 watched

21 went to sleep

22 Did you speak

23 did she say

24 didn't talk

25 said

26 called

27 heard

28 took

29 closed

30 didn't say

31 left