

## 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 <sup>1</sup> went (go) out yesterday evening. And she <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not come) back.

**Inspector Granger** When <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) your wife for the last time?

**Mr Thomas** Yesterday evening, at about nine thirty.

**Inspector Granger** Tell me what happened yesterday. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) anything unusual?

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

**Inspector Granger** When <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / come) home?

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

**Inspector Granger** <sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / speak) to your wife at all? What <sup>23</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (she / say) to you?

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

**Inspector Granger** I see, Sir. I think I know why she <sup>31</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave).



### activation

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