

## 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).