

8A GRAMMAR simple past: regular and irregular verbs

Complete the conversation with the past tense of the verb in parentheses.

• A NEW LIFE •

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

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

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

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

Detective 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) dinner.

Detective 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.

Detective 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 15 minutes later. She ²⁸ _____ (take) her bag and her coat and ²⁹ _____ (close) the door. She ³⁰ _____ (not say) goodbye.

Detective I see, sir. I think I know why she ³¹ _____ (leave).



ACTIVATION

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