

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 ¹went (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?