

## 8A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular verbs

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

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

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

**Inspector** 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) dinner.



**Inspector** 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** <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 15 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** I see, Sir. I think I know why she <sup>31</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (leave).

### ACTIVATION

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