

• A NEW LIFE •

Inspector 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.

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

Mr Thomas Yesterday evening, at about nine thirty.

Inspector 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.

Inspector 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.

Inspector 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.

Inspector I see, Sir. I think I know why she ³¹ (leave).

