

Last month, Amy, an old friend from uni, 1 _____
(call) me right out of the blue. We 2 _____
(not speak) for years, but we 3 _____
(chat) away for hours. In the end, we 4 _____
(decide) to get in touch with another friend of ours and meet up.
I 5 _____ (suggest) having a dinner party at my
flat the following Friday.



After giving it some thought, I 6 _____ (choose) to cook
a Moroccan lamb and chickpea soup I 7 _____ (read) about on my favourite food blog. So
I 8 _____ (spend) Friday afternoon searching for the best ingredients at all the ethnic food
shops in the city centre. When I 9 _____ (arrive) back home, it was 6 p.m. and my feet
10 _____ (ache). After all, I 11 _____ (walk) around town all afternoon! However,
I 12 _____ (not have) time to rest. I 13 _____ (have) a meal to prepare.

Two hours later, I finally 14 _____ (sit) down to relax. I 15 _____ (prepare)
the soup, I 16 _____ (make) two salads and was about to start making the dessert. Everything
17 _____ (go) smoothly until I 18 _____ (remember) something – something
which I 19 _____ (not think) of and 20 _____ (make) me want to scream. My
friends were vegetarians! All that effort gone to waste? Suddenly, I 21 _____ (think)... 'What if
I just don't tell them?'

While we 22 _____ (sit) around the table half an hour later, my friends 23 _____
(ask) me what they 24 _____ (eat). 'Moroccan chickpea soup,' I 25 _____ (reply).
'Nice,' said Amy. 'Reminds me of back at uni when we used to be vegetarians.'
It 26 _____ (turn) out they did eat meat, so I was able to tell them the truth. We
27 _____ (laugh) about it, and 28 _____ (enjoy) the evening very much.