

8A GRAMMAR past simple: regular and irregular

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

• WHAT HAPPENED? •

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

Mr Thomas It's my wife. She ¹*went* (go) out early this morning. And she ²_____ (not come) back.

Inspector Tell me what happened yesterday.
³_____ (you / do) anything unusual?

Mr Thomas No, it ⁴_____ (be) just a normal day. We ⁵_____ (wake up) at seven. I ⁶_____ (have) breakfast. Then I ⁷_____ (drive) to work. My wife ⁸_____ (not have) breakfast. In the morning, I think she ⁹_____ (go) shopping. She ¹⁰_____ (come) home at lunchtime. I don't know what she ¹¹_____ (do) in the afternoon.

Inspector When ¹²_____ (you / come) home?

Mr Thomas I ¹³_____ (arrive) home at about seven thirty. I ¹⁴_____ (sit) down and ¹⁵_____ (check) my emails. We ¹⁶_____ (have) dinner at about eight. After dinner, I ¹⁷_____ (watch) TV. I ¹⁸_____ (go to sleep) in my chair.

Inspector ¹⁹_____ (you / speak) to your wife at all? What ²⁰_____ (she / say) to you?

Mr Thomas We ²¹_____ (not talk) during dinner. After dinner, she ²²_____ (say), 'I'm going to bed early.' We both ²³_____ (go) to bed. In the morning, I ²⁴_____ (hear) her leave.

The door opens ... Mrs Thomas walks into the room.

Mr Thomas I can't believe it. Where ²⁵_____ (you / go)?

Mrs Thomas I was on a business trip in Berlin. I ²⁶_____ (tell) you about it! But I ²⁷_____ (lose) my phone at the airport, so I ²⁸_____ (not can) message you. I ²⁹_____ (call) you last night and this morning from my hotel, but you ³⁰_____ (not answer).

Inspector Sir, I think the mystery is solved!



ACTIVATION

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