

A great party

It was the evening of Saturday, 18th April 1998. In John Smith's flat in a quiet suburb of London the clock 1. **(strike)** 7. Since he 2. **(already do)** the shopping and 3. **(tidy)** up his flat, John 4. **(can begin)** to prepare the food for his party.

While the pizzas 5. **(bake)** in the oven one hour later he 6. **(make)** the salad and 7. **(set)** the table. After the much praised meal he 8. **(do)** the washing-up and his friend 9. **(chat)** over drinks.

The party 10. **(be)** quite a success: All evening they 11. **(play)** board games. At midnight they 12. **(have)** so much fun that they barely 13. **(hear)** the door bell. After the front door 14. **(finally open)**, the two police officers who 15. **(stand)** outside 16. **(inform)** them:

“There 17. **(be)** a complaint about the noise in this flat. You obviously 18. **(enjoy)** loud music, and it 19. **(play)** loudly at the moment, much too loudly actually. This 20. **(stop)** or we 21. **(confiscate)** your stereo.

Tomorrow at 9:30 you 22. **(sit)** in our office at the police station to hand in this declaration of discontinuity, which you 23. **(sign)** by then. Otherwise 24. **(be)** in even more trouble. Good night.”

Tasks

1. Fill in the tenses
2. State the reason for each tense



Words

suburb = Vorort

flat = apartment

praise = loben

board game = Brettspiel

barely = kaum

complain = s. beschweren

obviously = offensichtlich

confiscate = konfiszieren

declaration of discontinuity = Unterlassungserklärung