

Fill in the gaps with the words from the box and then share the story with your partners:

recollecting brush surreal grappling



I woke up as a 19-year-old, having survived a serious road accident and the subsequent surgery to remove a blood clot from my brain. A 1) _____ **with death** was a real turning point in my life. I was alive, but not the teenager who had crossed the road and been hit by a black cab that night. He was gone. I had lost my childhood memories. I tried everything to have them back, but nothing really worked; the boy with my name in so many photographs remained another person in another world. A decade later, I'd lost hope of ever 2) _____ my childhood. The night before my 30th birthday, I was preparing a playlist of 80s music for a themed party and that's when it happened – the most 3) _____ moment of my life. “The Whole of the Moon” by the Waterboys, began to play, and I was transported. It was such a short moment but it was mine. Twenty years on, I'm still 4) _____ **with some consequences** of that accident, but I also know that it didn't stop me – I found my way back – and that tells me who I really am.