

**READING**

**1** Read the biography and number the paragraphs in the correct order.



## A Biography of my Father

**a**  After he left school, he went to Exeter University to study history. He did very well at university, and when his course finished, he moved to Durham and got a job at the university there. He taught history. He really enjoyed helping the students learn, and while he was doing this job, he became a writer. He wrote two books about the history of twentieth-century Europe. Unfortunately, he also stopped playing the piano.

**b**  Six months after that life-changing evening, he started his own jazz band with friends who were a singer, a drummer and a guitar player. People couldn't believe it when he left his good job at the university, but Dad has worked as a piano player in the band for 20 years now, and it still makes him very happy. He says, 'You have to do what you love'.

**c**  My father was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 5th January 1970. When he was a boy, his grandmother gave Dad her beautiful old piano. He quickly learned to play it, and he practised every day. He soon became very good at it. When he grew up, he took this piano with him every time he moved house.

**d**  One evening, before I was born, he went with my mother to a piano concert. This concert changed his life. While he was watching the woman playing the piano, he remembered how much he loved playing it. That night he sat down at the piano that he was given as a child and began playing again.

**2** Read *A Biography of my Father* again and number the changes in his life in the order they happened.

- a He went to live and work in Durham. ....
- b He changed his job. ....
- c He started to play the piano very well. ....
- d He started writing books. ....
- e He was born. 1 .....
- f He studied at Exeter University. ....
- g He went to a concert which changed his life. ....
- h He was given a piano. ....