

Uses of *would*

- 8** Look at the use of *would* in sentences 1–5 below. In your notebook, match types of *would* a–e with example sentences 1–5.
- a** can be substituted with *was / were (going) to*?
 - b** can be substituted with *used to*?
 - c** is a polite offer or request?
 - d** is a conditional?
 - e** is an example of reported speech?
- 1** 'I **would** rather offer my services as a private investigator.'
 - 2** She claimed that a woman **would** gain the confidence of the wives of criminals.
 - 3** If a woman was present, men **would** brag about their exploits ...
 - 4** She ... **would** often wear disguises and change her accent ...
 - 5** ... a new generation of female detectives ... **would** soon follow her lead.