

## 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.