

Grammar & Speaking narrative forms

5 Work with a partner. Match verbs 1–5 to descriptions a–c.

- 1 I was 27 and ¹**had been** a river guide for several years.
- 2 The sun ²**was setting** and we ³**were reaching** the end of the tour one evening, when something knocked into the boat.
- 3 ... something ⁴**knocked** into the boat. Thinking it was the other boat, I ⁵**turned round** to push it away ...

- a Setting the background to the story: _____
- b The main events in a story: _____
- c An event that happened before the main events in the story: _____