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EXERCISES

7.1 Completa los siguientes modismos con preposiciones.

- His company has gone ..... strength ..... strength in the last six months. He's making a lot of money now.
- The flood ruined our old kitchen, but it was a blessing ..... disguise, because the insurance company paid for a completely new one.
- This new model is not the be-all-and-end-all ..... digital cameras, but it certainly has many technical features that others do not have.
- Your offer to drive us to the airport makes all the difference ..... our travel plans.
- Your plan to persuade Lela to join the committee worked ..... magic.

7 .2 Utiliza los modismos del ejercicio anterior para sustituir las frases subrayadas con esos modismos.

- ✓ At first we thought the new road would spoil our village, but in fact it <u>was a positive development</u> and the village shops are doing more business.
- ✓ I sprayed the stain remover onto my jacket and it <u>had an immediate positive result</u>. (Give two answers.)
- ✓ This is not <u>the absolute best and most complete</u> cookery book, but it does have recipes from 100 different countries.
- ✓ The school <u>has got better and better</u> since the new head teacher took over.
- ✓ Getting new curtains has <u>changed</u> my flat <u>in a positive way</u>. It feels like a new one.



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7 .3 ¿Quién sería el más adecuado para decir estos comentarios? Elige la respuesta correcta

1. It left its mark on me.

a) someone who had just spilt red wine over themselves
b} someone who taught in a very bad school for ten years
c) someone who had a wonderful birthday party

2. I'm a victim of my own success.

a) someone who won a lot of money then spent it all
b) a student who always passes every exam they take
c) a popular teacher whose class everyone wants to be in

3. I don't think I'll ever hit the big time.

a) a rock musician who is popular in local clubs
b) an athlete who has just got a place in an Olympic team
c) a dentist with a very heavy schedule of appointments

4. Work isn't the be-all-and-end-all in my life.

a) someone who is unemployed
b) someone who has a lot of interesting hobbies
c) someone who never finishes a job they start

7 .4 Completa cada uno de estos modismos.

- The photocopier has completely .... the ghost. We need a new one.
- I didn't think I .... ghost of a ..... of passing the exam, but I did.
- My new motorbike .... a dream; it's fast, but so smooth and quiet.

7 .5 Responde las siguientes preguntas.

I. If you make a go of something, do you succeed or fail?

II. What should you remember about the grammar of the idiom *go places?*

III. What could you write in your vocabulary notebook about the use of *be-all-and-end-all?*



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