

# 7 Success and failure

## 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 was a positive development and the village shops are doing more business.
- ✓ I sprayed the stain remover onto my jacket and it had an immediate positive result. (Give two answers.)
- ✓ This is not the absolute best and most complete cookery book, but it does have recipes from 100 different countries.
- ✓ The school has got better and better since the new head teacher took over.
- ✓ Getting new curtains has changed my flat in a positive way. 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*?

