BEHIND EVERY SUCCESS THERE ARE DOZENS OF FAILURES

VOCABULARY 1: match the words to their meanings

a) morph into	1) balance the bad effect of something
b) bold	2) start something
c) launch	3) change into something else
d) iterate	4) brave
e) embrace	5) accept
f) compensate	6) repeat
g) discontent	7) likely
h) prone	8) dissatisfaction

VOCABULARY 2: Choose the correct meaning of the expressions in red.

A) **go back to square one**
1) start something again
2) lose everything

B) **(go down) a blind alley**
1) an action made without consideration
2) an action which leads nowhere

C) **dash somebody's hopes**
1) help someone make something happen
2) disillusion someone

D) **shut up shop**
1) close a business
2) stop working

E) **fight a losing battle**
1) try to do something even though you're likely to fail
2) win somebody over

F) **be a recipe for disaster**
1) be likely to cause failure
2) be something which helps solve conflicts

G) **throw in the towel**
1) challenge someone
2) give up

H) **a lose-lose situation**
1) a bad situation for everybody involved
2) a situation that may turn out well despite expectations

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VIDEO: **Watch the video and decide whether the statements are True or False.**

1. She started to lose confident, and she threw in the towel: **true / false**
2. Her mom passed away when she was 25: **true / false**
3. J.K Rowling morphed into one of the best-selling authors of all time overnight: **true / false**
4. Bloomsbury dashed her hopes of launching her manuscript: **true / false**
5. An 8-year-old girl embraced the story-line and fantasy of Rowling's book: **true / false**
6. She decided to divorce and go back to square one in another city: **true / false**
7. After her divorce, she was jobless, poor and single with a baby: a recipe for disaster: **true / false**

GRAMMAR: **Complete the sentences with the simple past or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. He _____ (throw) in the towel while he _____ (work) on the experiment.
2. It was at that moment that they _____ (realize) that they _____ (fight) a losing battle.
3. They _____ (launch) the product in 2010. At that time, they _____ (be) discontent with the previous results.
4. He _____ (iterate) the new design of the product when the news of its cancellation _____ (dash) his hopes.
5. Everything _____(go) down a blind alley when he _____ (decide) to go back to square one.

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