

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.



7 Success and failure

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*?

