



## READING

1 Read the text and discuss the meaning of the title with a classmate.



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## Where there's a will, there's a way.

Tomás Videla was born in Santa Rosa, the capital city of La Pampa province, in Argentina, into a middle class family. He wanted to be an architect. He studied hard at secondary school and won a scholarship. Besides, his family could help him financially so he headed off to Mar del Plata. He soon found a roommate to share a flat with and went in for architecture. He was busy with his second year at university when his mother got pregnant and he had a daughter. The baby needed more attention and Tomás stopped receiving his family's backing. Unexpectedly, his scholarship came to an end and Tomás was left with almost no way to scrape by. But he was determined to become an architect. He always dreamt of giving his family a good life and decided to make his way towards his target. He was looking for a job, but he needed to have a flexible timetable because he was attending university.

Most jobs were full time, so he would have had to give up his studies and that wasn't an option for him.

After a while, he and his roommate found a way to work and study. They started selling tissues in the street. They could sell them while they were travelling to and from university. They also offered them while they were walking the university galleries. By working hard and spending little money, the two boys managed to make ends meet.

Tomás has made his dream come true. He has graduated as an architect. He sat his last subject a week ago. When we met him at the university entrance, dressed in his graduation robes and preparing to 'celebrate', he was crying out of happiness. He was celebrating the reward for his effort. He was shouting "I've done it!"



**2** Read again and find words and phrases meaning ...

**1** achieved a very important aim

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**2** financial support

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**3** moved to

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**4** to stop doing something

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**5** due to

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**6** finished

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**7** to have just enough money to live

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**8** to get to the end of the month with a little money

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**9** strongly aimed at

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**10** started the course

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**11** financial support given by institutions

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**12** to work to achieve an aim

**3** Read once more and answer.

**1** Where was Tomás born?

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**2** What was he doing when his baby sister was born?

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**3** What was Tomás's dream?

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**4** When did he sell the tissues?

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**5** How did the boys manage to make ends meet?

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**6** What has Tomás done?

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**7** When did he sit his last subject?

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**8** What was he celebrating at the university entrance?

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