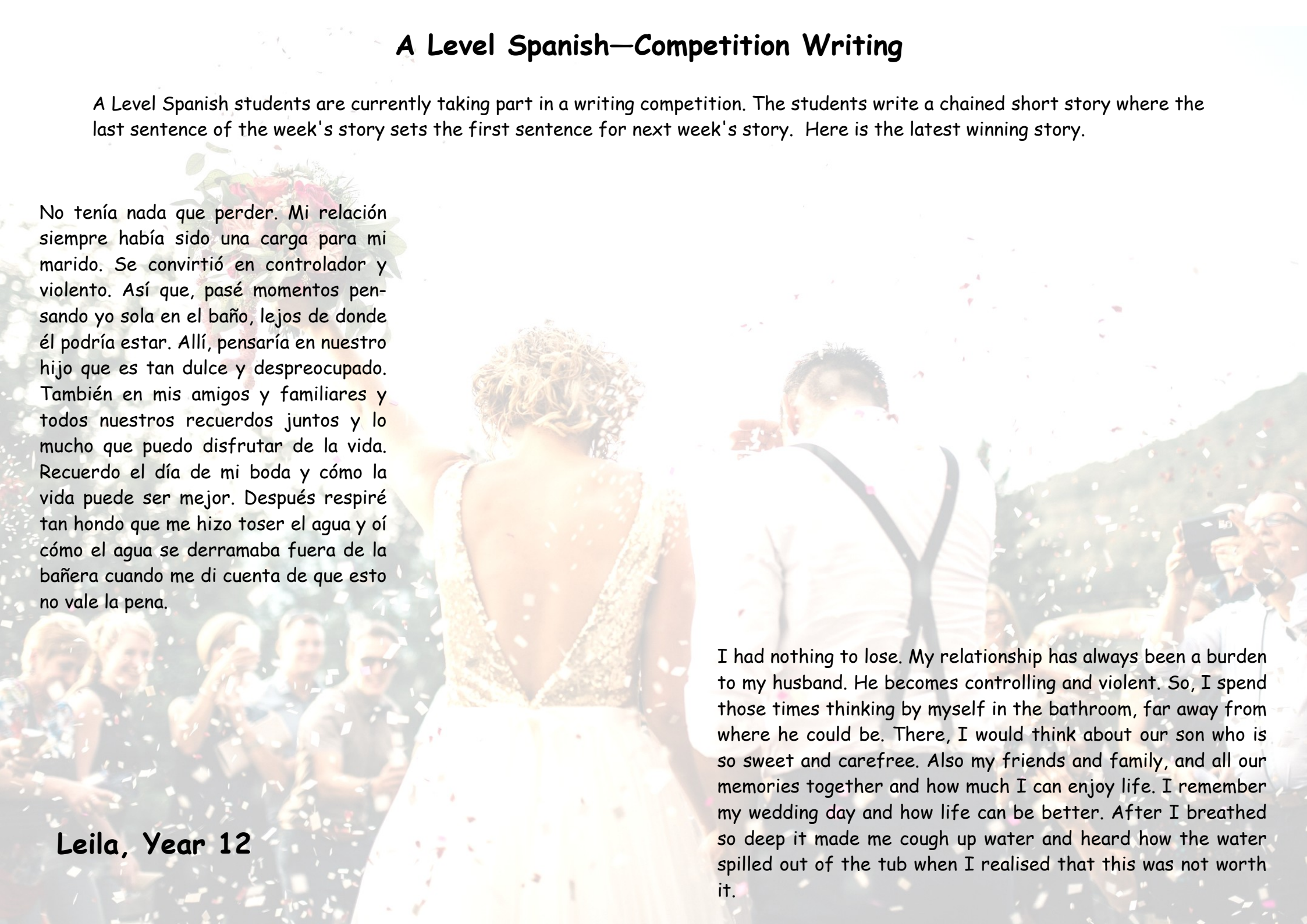


## A Level Spanish—Competition Writing

A Level Spanish students are currently taking part in a writing competition. The students write a chained short story where the last sentence of the week's story sets the first sentence for next week's story. Here is the latest winning story.

A photograph of a bride and groom dancing at a wedding. The bride is in the foreground, wearing a white dress with a large, ornate, gold-colored lace back. The groom is behind her, wearing a white shirt and dark suspenders. They are surrounded by falling white and pink confetti. In the background, other guests are visible, some holding up phones to take pictures. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor venue.

No tenía nada que perder. Mi relación siempre había sido una carga para mi marido. Se convirtió en controlador y violento. Así que, pasé momentos pensando yo sola en el baño, lejos de donde él podría estar. Allí, pensaría en nuestro hijo que es tan dulce y despreocupado. También en mis amigos y familiares y todos nuestros recuerdos juntos y lo mucho que puedo disfrutar de la vida. Recuerdo el día de mi boda y cómo la vida puede ser mejor. Después respiré tan hondo que me hizo toser el agua y oí cómo el agua se derramaba fuera de la bañera cuando me di cuenta de que esto no vale la pena.

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I had nothing to lose. My relationship has always been a burden to my husband. He becomes controlling and violent. So, I spend those times thinking by myself in the bathroom, far away from where he could be. There, I would think about our son who is so sweet and carefree. Also my friends and family, and all our memories together and how much I can enjoy life. I remember my wedding day and how life can be better. After I breathed so deep it made me cough up water and heard how the water spilled out of the tub when I realised that this was not worth it.