Teaching Language Learning Strategies

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What is a learning strategy?

"Learning strategies are special ways of processing information that enchance comprehension, learning, or retention of the information."

O'Malley, J.M. & Chamot, A.U. (1990). Learning Strategies in Second Language Acquisition. P.1. New York: Cambridge University Press.

"Learning strategies are steps taken by students to enhance their own learning."

Oxford, R. (1990). Language Learning Strategies; What Every Teacher Should Know. P.1. New York: Newbury House Publishers.

"Learner strategies includes any set of operations, steps, plans, routines, used by the learner to facilitate the obtaining, storage, retrieval and use of information (after O'Malley *et al.* 1983; and Brown *et al.*, 1983), that is, what learners do to learn and do to regulate their learning."

Rubin, J. (1987). Learner strategies. Theoretical assumptions, research history and typology. In A. Wenden & J. Rubin (Eds.) Learner Strategies in Language Learning. P.19. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall International.

"Language learning strategies can be defined as the specific behaviors, steps, and actions taken to enhace one's own learning, through the storage, retention, and use of new information about the target language. They are consciuous thoughts and behaviors used by learners with the explicit goal of improving their knowledge and understanding of a target Language. They facilitate Language tasks, represent goal – directed benhavior, and personalize the language learning process."

Weaver, S. & Cohen, A. (1997): strategies – based Instruction: A Teacher – Training Manual. CARLA Working Papers Series #7, September, 1997, p. vi. Minneapolis, MN:Center for Advanced Research of Language Acquisition.

"The goal of strategy use is to affect the learner's motivational or affective state, or the way in which the learner selects, acquires, organizes, or integrates new knowledge."

Weinstein, C.E. & Meyer, R.E. (1986). The teaching of learning strategies. In M.R. Wittrock (Ed.) Handbook of Research on Teaching. Third Edition. p.315. New York: Macmillan.

"The term learner strategies refers to language learning behaviors learners actually engage in to learn and regulate the learning of a second language."

Wenden, A. (1987) Conceptual background and utility. In A. Wenden & J. Rubin (Eds.) Learner Strategies in Language Learning. p.6. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice – Hall International.



| STRATEGY | DEFINITION | OTHER POSSIBLE TERMS | METACOGNITIVE PROCESSES | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Set Goals | Develop personal objectives; identify the purpose of the task | Determine destination, Establish purpose, Plan objectives | Planning | |
| Directed Attention | Decide in advance to focus on particular tasks and ignore distractions | Pay attention | Planning Monitoring, Problem - Solving, Evaluating | |
| Activate background knowledge | Think about and use wat you already know to help you do the task | Use what you know Elaborate on prior knowledge | Planning, Monitoring, Problem – Solving Evaluating | |
| Predict | Anticipate information to prepare and give direction for the task | Anticipate, Guess outcome | Planning | |
| Organizational Planning | Plan the task and content sequence | Outline, Brainstorm, Priority list | Planning | |
| Self – Management | Arrange for conditions that help you learn | Know yourself, plan how to study | Planning | |
| Ask if it Makes Sense | Check understanding and production to keep track of progress and identify problems | Monitor comprehension and production, Self-monitor | Monitoring | |
| Selectively Attend | Focus on key words, phrases, and ideas | Scan, Find specific information | Planning Monitoring | |
| Deduction/ Induction | Consciously apply learned or self – developed rules | Use a rule, Make a rule | Monitoring | |

From: Chamot, A.U., Barnhardt, S., El Dinary, P.B. & Robbins, J. (1999)

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Metacognitive Model of Strategic Learning



| STRATEGY | DEFINITION | OTHER POSSIBLE TERMS | METACOGNITIVE PROCESSES | |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Personalize/ Contextualize | Relate information to personal experiences | Relate information to your experiences | Monitoring, Remembering information | |
| Take Notes | Write down important words and concepts | T List, Semantic webs, Idea maps, Flow charts, Outlines | Planning, Monitoring, Problem- solving, Evaluating | |
| information | | Visualization Mental picture, Draw a picture | Planning, Monitoring, Problem- solving, Evaluating, Remembering information | |
| Manipulate/ Act Out | Handle tangible objects, role – play, and pantomime | Pantomime, Use objects, Role-play | Monitoring, Evaluating, Remembering information | |
| Talk yourself Through It (Self – Talk) | Reduce anxiety by reminding self of progress, resources available, goals | Positive thinking, Build confidence | Planning Monitoring, Problem-solving, Evaluating | |
| Cooperate | Work with others to complete tasks, build confidence, and give and receive feedback | Work together, Peer coaching | Planning, Monitoring, Problem-solving, Evaluating, Remembering information | |
| Inference | Make guesses based on previous knowledge | Logical guessing, Use context clues | Problem-solving | |
| Subtitute | Use a synonym or descriptive phrase for unknown words | Paraphrase, Circumlocute | Problem-solving | |
| Ask Questions to Clarify | Ask for explanation, verification, and examples; Pose questions to self | Questioning | Planning Monitoring, Problem-solving Evaluating | |

| STRATEGY | DEFINITION | OTHER POSSIBLE TERMS | METACOGNITIVE PROCESSES | |
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| Use Resources Use reference materials about the language and subject matter | | Look it up | Problem-solving | |
| Verify Predictions and Guesses | Check whether your predictions/guesses are correct | Verification | Evaluating | |
| Summarize | Create a mental, oral, or written summary of information | Make a summary | Evaluating | |
| Check Goals | Decide whether goal was met | Keep a learning log, Reflect on progress | Evaluating | |
| Evaluate Yourself | Judge how well you learned the material/did on the task | Self-evaluate Self-assess, Check yourself | Evaluating, Remembering information | |
| Evaluate your Strategies | Judge how you applied strategies and the effectiveness of strategies | Learning reflections, Assessing techniques | Evaluating | |
| Imagine with Keyword | Create a visual and personal association between meaning and sound | Keyword Imagery method | Remembering information | |
| Group/Classify | Relate or classify words according to attributes | Ordering, Categorizing, Labeling material | Remembering information | |
| Transfer/ Cognates | Use previously acquired linguistic knowledge; Recognize words that are similar in other known languages | | Monitoring, Problem-solving, Remembering information | |

Metacognitive Model of Strategic Learning

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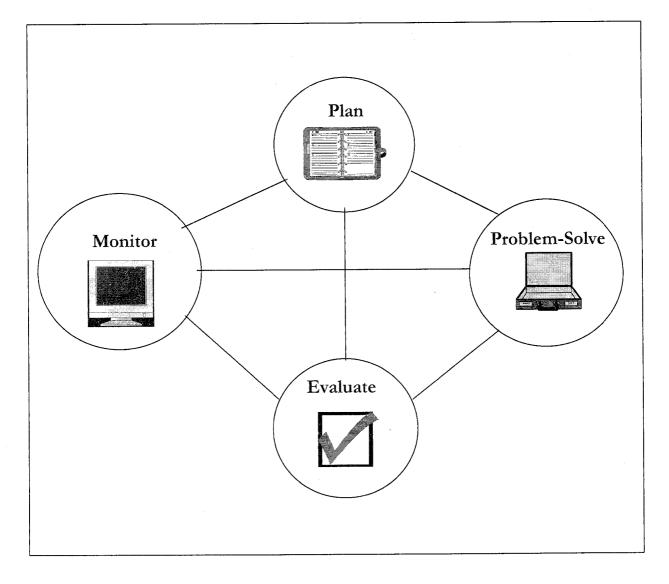
English Language Learners

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| HOW TO TEACH LEARNING STRATEGIES TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS | - |
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| WHAT ARE LEARNING STRATEGIES? | |
| ■ What students do to learn more effectively. ■ Can be taught - and learned. ■ Need explicit instruction. ■ Metacognitive awareness is key. | |
| METACOGNITIVE FRAMEWORK ■ Planning ■ Monitoring ■ Problem-solving ■ Evaluating | |



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| PLANNING STRATEGIES | |
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| ■Understand task requirements | |
| ■Set goals ■Identify prior knowledge | |
| Select learning strategies | |
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| MONITORING STRATEGIES | |
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| ■ Monitor sense | |
| Attend selectively | |
| ■ Use imagery | |
| Relate to prior knowledge | |
| ■ Self-talk for confidence | |
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| PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES | |
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| ■ Question for clarification ■ Make inferences | |
| Make interences Subtitute or paraphrase | |
| Classify and represent information | |
| ■ Use resources | |
| ■ Cooperate with classmates | |



| | EVALUATING STRATEGIES Check goals Summarize Assess comprehension or | | |
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| | production ■ Identify strategies used | | |
| | ■ Reflect on own learning | | |
| | LEARNING STRATEGY INSTRUCTION | | |
| | ■ Build on current learning strategies ■ Model how to use the learning strategy ■ Name the strategy ■ Explain why, when, and how the learning strategy can be used ■Provide practice and discussion opportunities | | |
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| | PREPARATION | | |
| | ■ Find out what strategies students are already using through: ■Interviews | | |
| 8 | ■Third views ■Diaries and Logs ■Think - alouds | | |
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| EXPANSION | |
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| ■ Transfer strategies to new tasks | |
| through: Specific assignments | |
| Surveys | |
| ■ Teaching to others ■ Sharing ideas | |
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| DEVELOPING METACOGNITION | |
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| Thinking about thinking | |
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CALLA Instructional Sequence: Five Recursive Phases PREPARATION EXPANSION CALLA'S FIVE PHASES PRESENTATION EVALUATION PRACTICE

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Self-Reflections on Language Learning HOW DO YOU LEARN A LANGUAGE? ① How do you like to learn a language? What is successful for you? ____ Reading with a dictionary ____ Reading without a dictionary ____ Reading authentic materials ____ Reading a textbook (stories, ads, and so on) ____ Making vocabulary lists ____ Learning songs ____ Watching TV ____ Speaking with classmates ____ Listening to the radio ____ Listening to tapes and repeating ____ Speaking with native speakers ____ Using a computer ____ Learning dialogues ____ Translating ____ Studying grammar ____ Videotaping yourself ____ Writing letters ____ Studying with friends ____ Writing stories ____ Focusing on pronunciation ____ Studying by yourself and intonation **OTHER WAYS** What do you like best: reading, listening, writing, or speaking? Why? What do you like least: reading, listening, writing, or speaking? Why? Imagine your friend is planning to study (target language). Write a letter giving advice about the best ways to learn. Include at least five specific things your friend should do.

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Personal Language Goals and Self-Assessment

SHORT-TERM GOALS

Please rate your current ability in English (0 = no ability, 5 = excellent ability)

Reading: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Listening: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Speaking: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Writing: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Realistically, what are your goals for this term?

Reading: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Listening: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Listening: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Speaking: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Writing: 0 1 2 3 4 5

What aspect of the language do you think you need to focus on this semester/year?

LONG-TERM GOALS

How do you want to be able to use English in your life?

What ability level do you need for your goal?

Reading: 0 1 2 3 4 5 Listening: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Speaking: 0 1 2 3 4 5

Writing: 0 1 2 3 4 5

PHASE 1: Preparation

Strategies: Brainstorming Directions: Think about the strategies you use for each of the skill areas and jot down your ideas. Prepare to participate in a class discussion about useful strategies. Reading: What do you do to help yourself read in English? When Is This Strategy Useful? Strategy Description Why Is This Strategy Useful? Listening: What do you do to help yourself in English? Strategy Description Why Is This Strategy Useful? When Is This Strategy Useful? Writing: What do you do to help yourself write in English? Strategy Description Why Is This Strategy Useful? When Is This Strategy Useful? Speaking: What do you do to help yourself speak in English? Why Is This Strategy Useful? When Is This Strategy Useful? Strategy Description

A Folktale Illustrating the Metacognitive Model

THE MAN WHO STOLE FIRE

This is the story of how the Ojibwa people got fire.

Many, many years ago, when the Ojibwa first lived in Canada, they had no fire. They could not cook their food or get warm in the cold winters. Life was very difficult without fire. At that time the Ojibwa heard about an old man and his daughter who lived very far away. It was said that the old man and his daughter were warm in winter and could cook delicious food. They had fire, but they would not give any of their fire to the Ojibwa.

A young Ojibwa boy named Nanabozho lived with his grandmother because his parents were dead. Nanabozho loved his grandmother dearly, and she loved him. But his grandmother was old, and she began to lose her teeth. It was very hard for her to eat raw meat because she could not chew it. And in the winter she was so cold that she shivered, even though Nanabozho put warm blankets around her shoulders. Nanabozho looked at his cold and hungry grandmother. He knew he had to help her. Then he remembered that the old man and his daughter had fire. He decided to steal some fire from them. He thought about how he could get fire from the old man and his daughter, and he made a plan.

Nanabozho walked many days and finally he got to the house of the old man and the daughter. When Nanabozho saw the young girl, he changed himself into a little rabbit. The young girl saw the rabbit and picked it up. She petted the rabbit, then took it into the house. She stirred the fire and began to make soup for dinner. Nanabozho thougth to himself, "My plan is working. Everything is going well"

But when the old man came home and saw the rabbit sitting under the table, he thought the rabbit would make the soup even more delicious. He told his daughter to get a knife to kill the rabbit. Now Nanabozho (who was changed into the rabbit) did not expect this problem.

He knew he had to do something to solve his problem. He thought of a way to get the fire and save himself from the knife.

When the young girl took a sharp knife and tried to catch the rabbit, the rabbit jumped towards the fire. As he jumped, Nanabozho quickly changed himself back into a boy. He grabbed a burning stick from the fire and ran as fast as he could. The old man chased him, but Nanabozho had an idea how to escape. He set fire to the grass behind him, and soon there was burning grass between Nanabozho and the old man. The old man could not follow him because of the fire, so Nanabozho got home safely. That is how he solved his problem.

When Nanabozho got to his grandmother's house, he built a fire to keep her warm. Then he cooked meat and made soup for her to eat. Nanabozho took good care of his grandmother and he gave fire to all other Ojibwa. He was happy. He thought, "My plan worked. Now all the Ojibwa homes are warm in winter and glowing with fire."

And that is how the Ojibwa got fire.

Adapted from "The Fire Stealer," retold by Pat Rigg in Voices in Literature. Copyright © 1996 by Heinle and Heinle.



Reciprocal Teaching Strategies for Reading

ENGLISH: READING STRATEGIES

STRATEGY NAME

PROMPTS TO ELICIT THE STRATEGY

Use what you know

I remember . . .

Summarize

This is about . . .

Ask and clarify

Where . . .?

Who . . .?

When . . .?

What happened . . .?

Why . . .?

How do you know. . .?

What's the reason . . .?

What does it mean . . .?

What would have happened if . . .?

Predict

I think what's going to happen is . . .?

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Adapted from Palincsar and Brown (1984) "Reciprocal Teaching of Comprehension-fostering and comprehension-monitoring Activities." Cognition and Instruction, *I*, 117-175

Questions for Reader's Response

- ① What is your favorite part of the story? What strategy or strategies did you use to understand the story?
- ② What character in the story would you like to be? Can you visualize this character?
 Describe the character, or draw a picture.
- 3 Does this story remind you of anything in your own life? What? Did you use background knowledge while you were reading?
- 4 Could this story happen today in our school, town, or country? What might happen differently here?
- © Can you think of a different ending for the story? Tell it!
- Are there any new words in this story? What strategy can help you figure out what
 they mean?
- ① Did you use the strategy prediction while you were reading this story? Find the places in the story where you used this strategy.
- ® Pretend you are a character other than the protagonist in the story. Tell the story from this character's point of view. What learning strategies can help you?

Learning Strategies Questionnaire

(The teacher may read the questionnaire to students and explain items as necessary. Part A sholud

| | be completed immediately after reading nave written their own folktales.) | the folktale. | Part B should be completed after students |
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| Na | Name | Date | 9 |
| Pa yo Ar rea | READING STRATEGIES Part A We have just read an Africar you read the folktale. Answer the que And remember- There are no right or reading is not provided. Nevertheles selection). | uestions abou or wrong ans | wers; (For the sake of space the |
| 1 | Anansi. | it about what | |
| 2 | | ons and predi nis a little | cted what the story might be about. I did this a lot! |
| 3 | 3 As I was reading, I pronounced No, I didn't do this I did th | | my head. I did this a lot! |
| 4 | I used the context (other parts of meaning of new words. (Skip th No, I didn't do this I did th | is question if | |
| (5) | S As I was reading, I tried to focus No, I didn't do this I did th | | characters did and said. I did this a lot! |
| 6 | I made predictions about how A No, I didn't do this I did th | | • |
| 7 | meant. (Skip this question if the | • | |

After reading the story, I thought about the most important points.

I did this a little

I did this a lot!

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No, I didn't do this

WRITING STRATEGIES

Part B. After reading the story about Anansi the Spider, we wrote our own folktales. Think about how you wrote your folktale. Answer the questions about the strategies you used. And don't forget- there are no right or wrong answers!

10. Before starting to write I brainstormed ideas for my folktale.

No. I didn't do this.

I did this a lilttle

I did this a lot!

11. I planned my story by thinking about (or making notes about) the characters, plot, and where the story would happen.

No. I didn't do this

I did this a little

I did this a lot!

12. I didn't need to brainstorm or plan before writing; I just started writing.

No. I didn't do this

I did this a little

I did this a lot!

13. While I was writing, I thought about the people who would read my story. I did this a lot!

No. I didn't do this

I did this a little

14. While I was writing, I tried to remember what I already know about the parts of a story.

No. I didn't do this

I did this a little

I did this a lot!

15. When I couldn't think of a word I wanted, I looked in the dictionary. No, I didn't do this I did this a little

I did this a lot!

- 16. When I couldn't remember a word I wanted, I just used a different word. I did this a lot! I did this a little No, I didn't do this
- 17. When I finished my first draft, I asked a classmate to read it and make suggestions.

No. I didn't do this

I did this a little

I did this a lot!

18. I revised my story to make it better

No. I didn't do this

I did this a little

I did this a lot!

19. I made the changes needed for my final draft.

No, I didn't do this

I did this a little

I did this a lot!

20. What other strategies did you use to write your own folktale?

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Are You Your Own Boss?

USING SELF-MANAGEMENT IN WRITING

Directions: Make a check mark in the appropriate box each time you use one of the self-management strategies.

| SELF-MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | EVALUATE: DID IT HELP YOU? |
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| Check on yourself | | | | | |
| Manage your time | | | | | |
| Get right to the job Work and write in English without translating | | | | | |
| Limit your breaks Stay focused and eliminate distracions | | | | | |
| Support yourself Tell yourself that you have great ideas. Write as much as you can, and edit later | | | | The contract of the contract o | |

| Teacher's Checklist for Learning Strategies. Instruction | | | | | |
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| PREPARATION 1. I ask students to describe the strategies they already use. 2. I include activities such as think-alouds and discussions to help students become aware of their strategies | Often | Sometimes | Rarely | | |
| PRESENTATION 3. I select strategies to teach that are appropriate for the task. 4. I give the strategy a name and explain it. 5. I tell students why and when to use the strategy. 6. I model how to use the strategy with the same kind of task | | | | | |
| PRACTICE I choose challenging tasks for students. I provide activities for students to practice the strategies. I remind students to use the strategy or stretegies I've taught. I encourage students' thought processes by asking them how they figured something out. I point out any strategies I see students using. I praise good thinking more than right answers. | | | | | |
| EVALUATION 13. I encourage students to evaluate their own use of strategies. | | | | | |
| 14. I discuss with students wich strategies they find most useful for the tasks they have just completed. 15. I encourage student to choose the strategies they prefer. 16. I promote student autonomy by fading cues to use strategies. 17. I evaluate how I teach strategies and revise as necessary. | | | | | |
| EXPANSION 18. I suggest to students how they can use the strategies in other subjects and in daily life. | | | | | |
| Adapted from Sarah Barnhardt. 1996. National Capital Language Resource Center, Ge University/Center for Applied Linguistics, 2600 Virginia Ave., Suite 105, Washington D | | University/George | Washington | | |

Cooperative Group Activity (Advanced Students)

INTERVIEWING PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Directions: Divide students into groups and have them interview community members about a topic, such as an aspect of local history, a current issue in the community, or the environment. Each group first chooses strategies from a chart of the Metacognitive Model of Strategic Learning. Then group members comment on how they used the strategies, as illustrated below.

| STRATEGIES WE CHOSE TO USE | WHEN AND HOW WE USED THE STRATEGIE |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Planning Strategies | |
| ✓ Think of what I know about | Before we planned our questions, we thought |
| the subject | of what we knew. |
| Predict what people will say | We didn't use predicting because we didn't know enough to predict. |
| _✓ Set a goal | We want to interview four people by next week. |
| Monitoring Strategies | |
| _✓ Using what I know | We need to use what we know in order to understand the answers people give us. |
| _✓ Cooperation | We have to cooperate to make sure our group is successful. |
| Self-talk Visualizing | We didn't visualize or self-talk for this project. |
| ✓ Self-questioning (Am I | When we are talking to people, we need to |
| understanding? Am I being | see if they are understanding us, when we lister |
| understood?) | to them, we need to be sure we are |
| | understanding them. |
| Problem-Solving Strategies (complet | e this after you have found some problems) |
| _ ∠ Inferencing | We had to guess what some words meant. |
| Substitution | We didn't need to use substitution. |
| _✓ Questioning for clarification | Sometimes the interviewer had to ask a |
| | question to make sure what a person said. |
| Evaluating Strategies | |
| _∡ Goal-Checking | We checked that we met our goal. |
| Self-evaluation | |
| _✓ Strategy evaluation | We talked about what strategies helped us to finish this project. |
| Chamot, A.U., Barnhardt, S.B., El Dinary- P.B. a Plains, NY: Addison Wesley Longman | & Robbins, J. (1999) The Learning Strategies Handbook. White |



Cooperative Group Activity (Intermediate Students)

ACTING OUT A STORY

Directions: Assign students to groups, have them read a simple story, and then act it out with their group. Have each group decide which strategies they will use and then report on the strategies they actually used, as in the example in the following chart.

| STRATEGIES WE CHOSE TO USE | WHEN AND HOW WE USED THE STRATEGIES |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Planning Strategies Think of what I know about the subject | We didn't know the subject of the story, so we couldn't think about what we knew about the subject |
| _ <u>✓</u> Predict what people will say | We loked at the title and the pictures to predict what the story was about. |
| _ <u>√</u> Set a goal | Our group wants to make a funny skit about this story. |
| Monitoring Strategies | |
| ✓ Using what I know | We need to use what we know to understand |
| | the story and to think how to act it out. |
| _ <u>√</u> Cooperation | We help each other to understand the story. |
| Self-talk | We didn't need to use self-talk. |
| _ <u>√</u> Visualizing | Some of the group members drew a picture |
| Colf averable vice v (Amal | of things in the story. |
| Self-questioning (Am I understanding? Am I being understood?) | We didn't use self-questioning. |
| Problem–Solving Strategies (complete this after you have found some problems) | |
| Inferencing | We guessed at some of the words we didn't know in the story. |
| ✓ Substitution | To make our play, we had to use different words |
| | that were easier for us to say. |
| _✓ Questioning for clarification | We asked the teacher a question about some things we wanted to say. |
| Evaluating Strategies | |
| _ <u>√</u> Goal-Checking | When our classmates laughed, we knew we |
| _ <u>√</u> Self- evaluation | had met our goal. Everybody thought they had done a good job in our play. |
| _ <u>√</u> Strategy evaluation | We thought the strategies we checked were helpful. |



| Expanding Strategies Use | |
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| Part A Use one of the strategies you learned in class at home. Look at the example. | |
| Then complete this worksheet. | |
| Example | |
| I used inferencing in class to help me with reading in English. | |
| At home, I will try to use it for listening to the radio in English. | |
| I used in class to help me with | |
| At home, I will try to use it for | |
| Part B At home, after using the strategy to meet your goal, write about how you used | |
| it and whether it helped. | |
| Tomorrow, I will be ready to tell | |
| . how I used the strategy. | |
| . whether it helped me. | |
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TEACHING LEARNING STRATEGIES

Explicit Explanation

Across the Curriculum

Related to Prior Knowledge

Integrated into Lessons

Scaffolded Instruction

Evaluated by Teachers --- and Students

Transfer to New Tasks

