

DIRECT STRATEGIES: LISTENING

STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive
STRATEGY SET: Analyzing and reasoning
STRATEGY: Analyzing expressions

To understand something spoken in the new language, it is often helpful to break down a new word, phrase, sentence, or even paragraph into its component parts. This strategy is known as analyzing expressions. If the learner is in the midst of a conversation there may not be enough time to analyze the new expression, but it is sometimes possible to jot down the expression and analyze it later.

E.g.: Martina is learning English. She does not immediately understand the phrase "*premeditated crime*", which she hears in a TV means broadcast. She breaks down this phrase into parts that she does understand: *crime* (bad act), *meditate* (think about), and *pre-* (before). Thus, she figures out the meaning of the whole phrase: an evil act that is planned in advance.