

DIRECT STRATEGIES: LISTENING

STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive
STRATEGY SET: Receiving and sending messages
STRATEGY: Getting the idea quickly

This strategy helps learners home in on exactly what they need or want to understand, and it allows to disregard the rest or use it as background information only. Two techniques constituting this strategy are *skimming* and *scanning*.

- Skimming involves searching for the main ideas the speaker wants to get across:

E.g.: Jean-Claude is listening to get the main ideas of the talk on American architecture given at the international social club.

- Scanning means searching for specific details of interest to the learner:

E.g.: Rowena has agreed to listen for certain details in Spanish, such as the names, ages, professions, and general background of three visitors from South America, while Jim will scan for other information such as how long the visitors will stay, what they want to do on their visit, or whom they want to meet.
