

DIRECT STRATEGIES: LISTENING

STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive
STRATEGY SET: Analyzing and reasoning
STRATEGY: Reasoning deductively

This strategy involves deriving hypotheses about the meaning of what is heard by means of general rules the learner already knows.

E.g.: Julio, who is learning English, hears his friend say, *Would you like to go to the library with me at five o'clock?* Julio correctly understands that he is being asked a question to which he must respond, because he recognizes that part of the verb comes before the subject (a general rule he has learned).

Sometimes the strategy of reasoning deductively results in over-generalization errors, as in the following example:

E.g.: Spanish-speaking Lugo knows that the past tense in English uses -ed, so he applies this rule to say "*bringed*" and "*goed*".