

## DIRECT STRATEGIES: LISTENING

<b>STRATEGY GROUP:</b> Cognitive
<b>STRATEGY SET:</b> Creating structure for Input and Output
<b>STRATEGY:</b> Summarizing

This strategy means making a condensed, shorter version of the original passage. At the early stages of language learning, summarizing can be as simple as just **giving a title** to what has been heard; the title functions as a kind of summary of the story or passage. Another easy way to summarize is to **place pictures** which depict a series of events in the order in which they occur in the story. This is a very useful exercise, especially for beginners, because it links the verbal with the visual.

As students advance in their knowledge of the language, their summaries can be made in the target language, thus allowing more writing practice.