

DIRECT STRATEGIES: LISTENING

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

Translating can be a helpful strategy early in language learning, as long as it is used with care. It allows learners to use their own language as the basis for understanding what they hear.

E.g.: In a conversation, when the Russian speaker says, *Ya chitayu zhurnal*, Billie mentally translates this to mean *I'm reading the newspaper*, the English equivalent. In this case, a straight translation is correct, but there are many other situations in which translation cannot be used literally.