

DIRECT STRATEGIES: LISTENING

STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive

STRATEGY SET: Receiving and sending messages

STRATEGY: Using resources for receiving and sending messages

This strategy involves using resources to find out the meaning of what is heard. To better understand it, printed resources such as dictionaries, word lists, grammar books, and phrase books may be valuable.

<p>E.g.: Susan, a learner of French, has heard many similar phrases in the new language, but she does not always understand the differences, so she uses reference resources. For instance, she uses a phrase book to look up the meaning of <i>Fais gaffe!</i> (be careful). She wants to know how this phrase relates to different-sounding expressions with similar meaning, such as <i>Attention!</i> and <i>Fais attention</i>, and to similar-sounding expressions with entirely different meanings, such as <i>Faire une gaffe</i> (make a mistake).</p>
