

STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive

STRATEGY SET: Receiving and sending messages

STRATEGY: Getting the idea quickly

It helps learners home in on exactly what they need or want to understand, and it allows them to disregard the rest or see 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:

Monica is trying to get the gist of a front-page article in the Chinese newspaper.

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

Waiting in the Köln train station, Pascual is worried about his late train and decides to scan the schedule board periodically.