STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive

STRATEGY SET: Creating structure for input and output

STRATEGY: Highlighting

This strategy emphasizes the major points in a dramatic way, through color, underlining, capital letter, initial capitals, big writing, bold writing, stars, boxes, circles and so on.

The three structuring strategies are often, but not always, used together.

Gilberto, learning Russian, uses different colors to highlight different types of information (vocabulary, grammar, cultural concepts...) in his Russian textbook, and he outlines these in his language learning notebook.

A new twist in using these strategies is to have learners take notes on, summarize, or highlight each other's speaking or writing when it has reached a fairly well-developed stage.