STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive

STRATEGY SET: Creating structure for input and output

STRATEGY: Summarizing

Summarizing means making a condensed, shorter version of the original passage. Writing a summary can be more challenging than taking notes because it often requires greater condensation of thought.

At the early stages of language learning, summarizing can be as simple as just giving a title to what has been read. 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. As students advance in their knowledge of the language, their summaries can be made in the target language, thus allowing more writing practice.