

DIRECT STRATEGIES: SPEAKING

STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive

STRATEGY SET: Analysing and Reasoning

STRATEGY: Reasoning deductively

Reasoning deductively is a common and very useful type of logical thinking.

Look at the following examples: Julio, who is learning English, tries to say "*Would you like to go to the library with me at 5 o'clock?*" Julio knows that kind of sentence. He knows it is a question by the order in which the verb is. The logical order of a statement is Subject + Verb + Object but he transforms that statement into a question just inverting the auxiliary verb.

Sometimes, this strategy results in overgeneralizations errors.

E.g.: Spanish-speaking Lugo knows that the past tense in English uses -ed, so he applies this rule to say "bringed" and "goed". Even structures are overapplied: "*I don't know what is it*" or "*Find out where are they*".