DIRECT STRATEGIES: SPEAKING

**STRATEGY GROUP:** Cognitive

**STRATEGY SET:** Practicing

**STRATEGY:** Recognizing and using formulas and patterns

Recognizing and using routine formulas and patterns in the target language greatly enhance the learners' comprehension and production. Formulas are unanalysed expressions, while patterns have at least one slot that can be filled with an alternative word.

Some formulas are: Hello. Goodbye. How are you? The weather is nice, isn't it? In addition, to all the formulas above, many useful patterns exist in every language. The students can understand these patterns when they hear or speak them. For example: I don't know to.... I would like to...