

DIRECT STRATEGIES: WRITING

STRATEGY GROUP: Cognitive

STRATEGY SET: Practicing

STRATEGY: Practicing naturalistically
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Practicing naturalistically is very important for developing writing skill. It can involve many different activities, such as creation of separate products by individuals, individual contributions to multipart products, co-authorship of a single piece by multiple writers, or exchanges of written messages between individuals or teams. The first naturalistic writing mode is creation of separate products by individuals. Individual writing effort might include all sorts of formats: factual reports, poems, diary entries in the target language, and so on. The length can vary from a sentence or a paragraph to 20 or more pages, depending on the language proficiency of the learners. The second is joint writing projects composed of individual contributions.

Examples include newspapers, newsletters, literary magazines, sports digests, radio or TV programs, and so on. The third is co authorship of a single product. Two or more learners can work together to write one piece as is often done in real life.
