

DIRECT STRATEGIES: SPEAKING

STRATEGY GROUP: Compensation

STRATEGY SET: Overcoming limitations in speaking & writing

STRATEGY: Avoiding communication partially or totally

This strategy includes a total avoidance in certain situations, as when required to use persuasive skills or to compete with others for a turn to speak. It also includes avoiding certain topics for which the learner does not know the words, concepts, or grammatical structures in the new language. This strategy goes against the aim of speaking as much and as often as possible, but it does have an advantage of keeping the learner emotionally protected and possibly more able to speak about other things later in the conversation.

For example, Constanze, a learner of English, who avoids saying "*air pollution*" says instead, "*It's hard to breathe*".