

<b>STRATEGY GROUP: Social</b>
<b>STRATEGY SET: Cooperating with others</b>
<b>STRATEGY: Cooperating with peers</b>

This strategy involves a concerted effort to work together with other learners on an activity with a common goal or reward. Ames, simulations, and other active exercises challenge students to develop their ability to cooperate with peers while using a variety of language skills. Reading, though usually considered an independent activity, can be a cooperative enterprise as well:

<p>Wally works with his small group on a Russian-language jigsaw reading activity. Each group member has part of the story to read, and together they have to figure out the entire story through a process of negotiating, questioning, and cooperating. At first they do this in English. Later, when they are more advanced, they do it in Russian; when this happens, listening and speaking skills enter the reading act. No matter how it is done, jigsaw reading encourages cooperation with peers.</p>
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