

STRATEGY GROUP: Compensation

STRATEGY SET: Guessing intelligently

STRATEGY: Using linguistic clues

Previously gained knowledge of the target language, the learners' own language, or some other language can provide linguistic clues to the meaning of what is read. Suffixes, prefixes, and word order are useful linguistic clues for guessing meanings.

Vivian knows that *le lavabo* (sink) and *la toilette* (toilet) relate to *la salle de bains* (bathroom); so when she encounters *le robinet* (tap, faucet) and *le carrelage* (tiling) in the same advertisement, she figures that these are accessories or parts of the bathroom.