

DIRECT STRATEGIES: SPEAKING

STRATEGY GROUP: Metacognitive

STRATEGY SET: Arranging and planning your learning

STRATEGY: Setting goals and objectives

Goals and objectives are expressions of students' aims for language learning. Speaking goals might be to develop sufficient speaking skill to survive in a second language environment, to communicate occasionally with acquaintances who speak the target language, to get a job requiring daily spoken communication in the language, to negotiate foreign travel arrangement, and the like.

Sample speaking objectives might be as follows. Sonya decides to master the common German greetings before the next class meets. Manning plans to practice the Russian past tense verb endings this week until he can say them perfectly. Alfonso will speak English for half an hour with his teacher and will apply some of the new conversation management techniques he has just learnt.
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