

DIRECT STRATEGIES: WRITING

STRATEGY GROUP: Social

STRATEGY SET: Cooperating with others
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STRATEGY: Cooperating with peers

It involves a concerted effort to work together with other learners on an activity with a common goal or reward. Writers in any language are seen as lonely figures, cloistered in some dim and drafty nook, scribbling silently or pounding the keys of their word processor or typewriter. Though such views might have more than just a grain of truth, writing can be also social, cooperative activity.

<p>For instance, Manolo writes a journal and shares it with English-language classmates, who respond with comments. Beate participates in brainstorming activities to generate ideas for writing. Daniel takes notes on his friend Max's writing and shares comments with him. Charlene writes in Portuguese to a pen-pal in Lisbon. Before sending a letter, Charlene shows it to her language partner, Sue, to obtain feedback.</p>
