

DIRECT STRATEGIES: WRITING

STRATEGY GROUP: Social

STRATEGY SET: Empathizing with others
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STRATEGY: Developing cultural understanding
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Background knowledge of the new culture often helps learners understand better what is heard or read in the new language. Such knowledge also helps learners know what is culturally appropriate to say aloud or in writing. Help students sharpen their cultural understanding by injecting short cultural discussions into classroom activities, and by comparing and contrasting behaviour in the students' native culture and the target culture.

Some examples to develop this strategy are: travelling to new countries where the foreign language is spoken or looking for catalogues about the tourist information about a city.
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