DIRECT STRATEGIES: WRITING

STRATEGY GROUP: Memory

STRATEGY SET: Creating mental linkages

STRATEGY: Placing new words into a context

Written selections often present new words in a meaningful context. However, students sometimes encounter written lists of words or phrases they must learn with no supporting or explanatory context. In such cases, it helps for learners to create their own context.

For example, Kayta, a learner of English, encounters a list of words and expressions related to sewing, such as hook, eye, seam, zipper, button, snap, thread, needle... She writes s little story to put the words into a meaningful context.