

Learning Strategy

Learning Strategies are the thoughts and actions that help make learning easier or more effective.

The learning strategy for this lesson is *Substitute*. When we are speaking a second language, we often do not know a word. That is the time we can substitute a phrase or another word, and continue speaking.

In the video, you can hear Anna telling about the game. She does not remember the name at first.

They are playing a game. It's a kind of handball. *What do they call it?* They call it *pilota*!

Anna uses a phrase, "It's a kind of handball," to tell about the game. She is *substituting* that phrase for the Basque name. Then she remembers the name, *pilota*.

How about you? Do you sometimes substitute a word or phrase for an English word you do not know? Write to tell us how you use this strategy [in an email](#) or in the Comments section. Teachers, see the [Lesson Plan](#) for more on how to teach this strategy.