

## Decoding the target language

Some general questions to begin with.....

<p>What do I like to do to learn a new language (e.g. sing songs, play games on the computer, play games in class...)?</p>	
<p>What makes it easier for me to learn a new language (e.g. seeing pictures, teacher using mime, teacher using gesture, seeing the words written down...)?</p>	
<p>What makes it more difficult (e.g. speaking only in the target language, when somebody speaks too quickly...)?</p>	
<p>What do or don't I like most about learning a new language?</p>	
<p>What would I most like to be able to do with the target language?</p>	
<p>When I read the target language, this is what helps me understand...</p>	

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Answer the following statements for what is true for you when reading the authentic materials. Tick the appropriate box.

	Always	Sometimes	Never
I read the text a number of times until I can understand it.			
I use cognates to help me understand the meaning of the text.			
I skim read the material first to get the main idea, then I go back and read more carefully.			
I look carefully at the picture to look for clues about the text.			
I say the word aloud to try to comprehend its meaning.			
I look carefully to see if the word is similar to words I already know in other languages.			