

Lesson 92

They all ganged up on him.

Target: Having a conversation about violence.

Vocabulary

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Violence



Related vocabulary

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| - to beat... senseless / up / to a pulp | - to duck... | - to knock.... unconscious |
| - to smack... around | - to dodge... | - to threaten... |
| - to strike... | - to flee | - domestic violence |
| - to assault... | - to run away from... | - a restraining order |
| - to gang up on... | - to choke... out | - to pick a fight |
| - to be defensive | - to take a hit | - self defense |
| - to be offensive | - to be tough | - to resort to violence |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What's the difference between being tough and being strong?
2. Does violence ever achieve anything?
3. Is violence OK if it is for self defense?
4. Is a punch a defensive or offensive technique?
5. What makes people violent?
6. How useful do you think certain martial arts are in the real world?
7. Have you ever run away from a fight?
8. What different fighting techniques do you know? e.g. a headlock / a sleeper hold
9. When would you consider beating someone to a pulp?
10. What does the phrase "Let's take this outside" mean? What are some similar phrases for starting fights?

Partner #2: Questions

1. Is it ever OK to beat someone up?
2. Has anyone ever threatened you? What was it over?
3. Do K1 and UFC fighters often choke each other out?
4. Do you think there is too much violence on television and in movies?
5. What are some different physical attacks you know using body parts? e.g. to headbutt, to elbow
6. Have you ever resorted to violence?
7. Have you ever seen someone get beaten senseless in a movie?
8. Do you think violent video games desensitize people to violence?
9. What great fighting movies do you know? e.g. Ongbak
10. Do people learn to be violent or are they born that way?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

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| 1. Role play: | Partner #1: You want to come up with a new sport that is really violent.
Partner #2: Brainstorm items with your partner. (e.g. Chess boxing) |
| 2. Speech: | Talk about a fight you have seen. |
| 3. Speech: | Talk about a violent scene in a movie you have seen. |
| 4. Debate: | You think violence is never OK, but your partner thinks there are certain times when it's OK. |