Watch and Write

Film: *Bridget Jones’s Diary* (adaptable for other films)

**Language focus**: A good lesson for practising narrative tenses.

This lesson uses the fight scene near the end of the film. Cleaver (Hugh Grant) and Mark Darcy (Colin Firth) finally have it out on the street. The scene leads into a writing activity where students report the fight in the local newspaper. From “Alright Cleaver outside!” to “Very, very foolish mistake. Forgive me.” Darcy walks away down the street.

**Stage One**: Pre-viewing task
Ask your students some warmer questions like:
- Were you ever in a fight when you were at school?
- Why?
- Have you ever seen a fight?
- What happened?

**Stage Two**: While-viewing task
Watch the video clip and answer the questions in the first part of the worksheet. This gives the students an opportunity to decide which angle they want to take when reporting the incident in the newspaper article. You may want to repeat the scene after the students have read the worksheet. Students can work in pairs or individually, you decide.

**Stage Three**: Post-viewing task
Using the information in the first part of the worksheet students then write a newspaper article. They write the first draft on the worksheet giving you time to work with them on their vocabulary and grammar. It’s a good idea to have them write the second draft as a spoof newspaper report to hang on the wall.

**Further Activities.** Students then read other students’ articles and compare the different versions. Were any of the articles the same? Whose was the funniest? etc.
Worksheet: Bridget Jones’ Diary

Part One

- Watch the video clip then answer the following questions.
- What is the relationship between the two men and the girl?
- Why were they fighting?
- What did they say at the beginning of the fight?
- What did the friend say to the waiters?
- What happened in the fight?
- What did the girl say to the winner at the end? Why?
- Who does she love? Why?

Part Two

You are a newspaper reporter for the London Evening News. You saw a street fight last night and you want to report the incident. Write your first draft here.

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