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## **Day One**

# **Fighting Girls**

### **Part 1: Silent read**

➔ Is YouTube spreading violent behavior? Read silently.

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## Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is different about physical fighting in schools today?

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What can police do with YouTube videos of school fighting?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.