


9 Fighting and Making Up

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

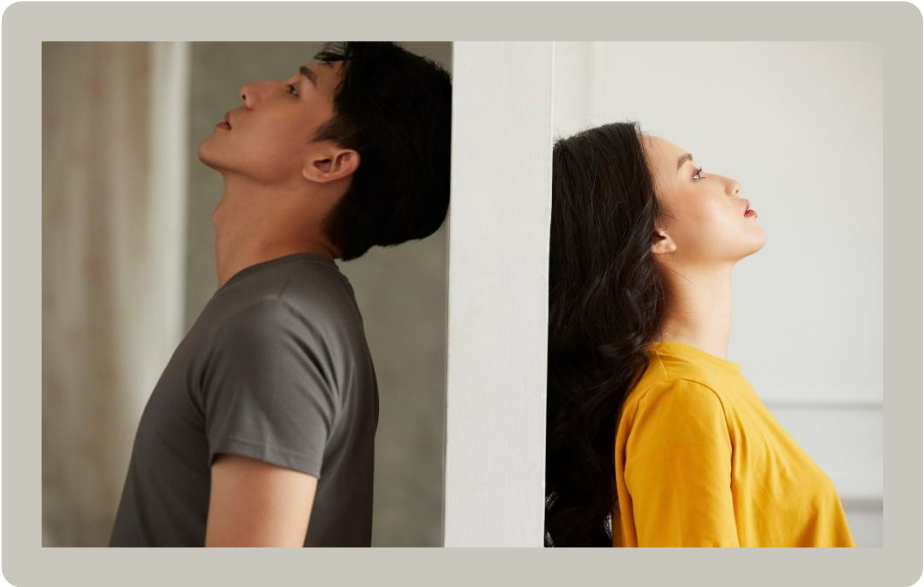
<p>What's wrong?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What's the matter (with you)? - Is anything wrong? - Are you OK? 	
<p>You're pissed at me!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You're angry with me! - You're mad at me! - You're upset with me! 	
<p>I'm not pissed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm not angry. - I'm not mad. - I'm not upset. 	
<p>It's water under the bridge.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What's past is past. - Let bygones be bygones. - It's no big deal. - Let's move on. 	

Key vocabulary

make up	sarcastically	upset with	ruin
pissed (at)	mind reader	be hard on	talk someone into

I. INTRODUCTION

Fighting is **inevitable** in a relationship. It is normal and healthy to argue from time to time; however, if you **do not make up** and **resolve** the issue ASAP, **bigger problems** will definitely arise.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
What's wrong?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ When someone is having a bad day, do you ask them about it or do you wait for them to share it with you?
You're pissed at me!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How do you confront people who are obviously showing their anger to you?
I'm not pissed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What do you do when you are angry or irritated with your partner?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Barry: Wasn't the movie awesome?

Cindy: Oh yeah, totally amazing. *(says sarcastically)*

Barry: What's wrong? You didn't like it?

Cindy: How would you even know? I was sitting eight rows away from you!

Barry: There were only two seats left! You said you were okay not to sit together!

Cindy: I agreed because I know how much you wanted to see the movie, but never said I was okay with it.

Barry: That doesn't make any sense! We could have skipped the movie and I'd have gone another time. All you had to do was say so.

Cindy: Yes, but then you'd have been upset with me for ruining your evening.

Barry: You're so wrong. And now you're pissed at me!

Cindy: I'm not pissed, just disappointed in your decision-making.

Barry: I asked you and you said okay! I'm not a mind reader!

Cindy: Whatever. I don't want to talk about it. I'm heading home.

(A few days later at a bar)

Barry: Hi. I didn't know you were partying tonight.

Cindy: I wasn't planning on it, but Sheila talked me into it.

Barry: I'm sure you'll enjoy tonight more than Star Wars. *(smiling)*

Cindy: *(smiling)* Ha ha, very funny. Sorry if I was too hard on you.

Barry: Let's forget it. It's water under the bridge. I'll make sure to reserve seats next time.

Cindy: *(laughing)* Superb!

Q & A!



What are some common reasons couples fight?

How might/can people make up after a fight with a partner?

Some people say that it is never a good idea to let a day pass without resolving a

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Resolving Relationship Problems

Directions: How would you address the following issues with your partner?

  <p>You forgot your anniversary and your partner is angry with you.</p>	<p>You are falling out of love.</p>
 <p>Your partner always brings up your past mistakes whenever you fight.</p>	 <p>You argue with your partner most of the time even in public.</p>

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: You are the radio show host of a famous radio program and your segment is about giving advice to couples who have relationship problems. Give them your best advice.

Dear _____,

My boyfriend and I always fight and sometimes we hurt each other physically and verbally. We've been together for almost 7 years now. I don't want to give up on us but I also don't want this toxic relationship to continue. What should I do?

Sincerely,

Lady Bruises



Dear _____,

People call us the "perfect couple" on social media because of our sweet posts and statuses. We are so obsessed with maintaining our image to the point of faking everything just to gain more likes and reactions. However, in reality, my girlfriend and I don't talk much. How can we fix this?

Sincerely,

"Perfect" Influencer



C. Role-Play

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You have a misunderstanding with your partner. Explain your side and listen to his/her side as well. Then, settle your issues together.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.