



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

- *identify the unique circumstances of the various types of abuse among women.
- *enumerate ways to prevent domestic violence.



Read:

I would like to explain why a woman might cause a man to become physically violent. I am in no way defending such masculine reactions. On the contrary, I am a nice guy who treats women with respect. Recently, however, I had an experience that made me understand quite clearly why a man might hit a woman.

Recently, a girl backed out of a date we had planned a week in advance. I had been eagerly looking forward to this occasion and had called during the week to confirm the time and place. I set aside the evening, saved the money I needed, cleaned out my car, and even got out advice from female friends to make sure the evening was "perfect." I bought new clothes to wear and tried to look my best.

I showed up at the place we agreed to meet. She was 20 minutes late, and then when she arrived she told me our date was off because she already had a boyfriend and couldn't imagine why she had agreed to go out with me.

If a guy pulled that stunt, he would never get away with it. Such humiliation could result in violence. If more women were decent and fair, violent crimes against them wouldn't be so prevalent.



Let's Talk!

1. Do you think violence against women can be justified in some cases? If so, when? If not, why not?
2. Why do men use violence against women?
3. What would you do if your husband hit you but repented immediately? Would you forgive him? Or would you seek for a divorce?
4. People say it's never appropriate for a man to strike a woman. But what if she hits him first?
5. Would you marry a man who hits you during your courtship, thinking that you can change him after marriage?
6. Is there any way to deter men from beating their wives?
7. What do you think about verbal abuse between spouses?
8. Strange to say, there are many men who are hit by women. What do you think are some of the reasons? Why don't men defend themselves?