

29. After School

Topic: A little darker skit that is open to interpretation by actors.

Cast:

ISAAC

BRENDA

This skit was specifically written to be ambiguous in meaning. It can be played several different ways. Try using the same actors and reading them with different interpretations. For instance, Isaac can be played as a stalker-type and Brenda is a typical girl. Or Isaac can be played as a normal guy and Brenda can be played as paranoid.

Suggestion

Pair up students and have them try both interpretations. Have them practice how the words themselves can be interpreted to change the meaning.

- 1 ISAAC: Hey, Brenda, what are you doing?
- 2 BRENDA: Nothing. Why?
- 3 ISAAC: Just asking. You walking home from school today?
- 4 BRENDA: Uh, no. My mom's coming.
- 5 ISAAC: You should walk home. You don't live far. You could
- 6 stop at like the 7-Eleven or something and get a snack.
- 7 It's cool. I do it all the time.
- 8 BRENDA: You know where I live?
- 9 ISAAC: Sure, it's on the bathroom wall. I'm just kidding. I
- 10 used to play ball at that school by your house and
- 11 somebody told me where you lived.
- 12 BRENDA: Well, I don't like to walk. I'm waiting for my mom.
- 13 ISAAC: She still got that beat-up Volkswagen?
- 14 BRENDA: You know what kind of car my mom drives?
- 15 ISAAC: Sure, I'm an observant guy.
- 16 BRENDA: I guess.
- 17 ISAAC: You don't like me, do you?

- 1 BRENDA: What do you mean?
- 2 ISAAC: You're not very nice to me.
- 3 BRENDA: I am too.
- 4 ISAAC: I know you and your friends talk about me, about
- 5 how I take dance and like to draw. I've seen you guys
- 6 laughing in the hall.
- 7 BRENDA: We don't talk about you. I don't laugh at you.
- 8 ISAAC: Yeah, right. Well, don't underestimate me, Brenda.
- 9 I'm a lot stronger than I look.
- 10 BRENDA: What's that supposed to mean?
- 11 ISAAC: You'll find out.