

Core Activity Sheet 4.3

Task sheet: 'Hooligans' Bark Proves Worse than their Bite'

You are now going to write a newspaper article using one of these titles as a headline:

'Football violence continues to threaten the game'

or

'Football moves on to leave violence behind'.

Use the information from the 'Hooligans' Bark' article. You could research these topics more thoroughly by looking at newspaper coverage, contacting the police or local clubs, or visiting relevant websites.

Once you have written your story, find someone in the class who has written about the opposite title. Read your stories to each other. What kinds of words did you use that were different? Which story seems more believable? Discuss the differences between the stories.

What impression would you have had if you read one or the other article instead of the more balanced one which appeared in the *Guardian*? What does this tell you about how the media influences people's beliefs?

Conclusions about how the media affects people's opinions