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Movieclips.com is a website offering access to multiple movie clips, potentially serving as a source for that perfect example an instructor needs to help illustrate a point during a lecture. The website works by allowing the 'surfer' to search for movie clips by keywords, actor, genre, occasion, action, mood, character, theme, setting, prop, and movie title. For example, looking for a clip to enhance a class on inclusive recreation, one might put in the keyword 'wheelchair,' or for a wider search, 'disability,' and the site will produce clips that contain those words in dialogue. The dialogue search for 'disability' turned up sentences from the movies *Article 99* ("until we have complete proof of disability") and *U-571* ("we believe the U-boat was disabled, not sunk").

Alternatively, there are dropdown menus for genre, occasion, theme, character, settings, etc. For example, one might choose to see clips that feature occasions like 'birthdays, weddings, and trips.' If the surfer knows exactly what movie he is looking for, clips are categorized by movie title. An additional useful feature of the website includes a link to a tutorial on how to embed clips into PowerPoint presentations. One can also become an API (approved partner to interact), which grants one access to additional information regarding clips. This includes information like clip duration, movie director, and production year. Also, if one desires to see a clip that is intended for 'mature audiences', one must create an account. This is not a difficult task; however, an email address is required.

Regarding the usefulness of the website for instructors, there are both positives and negatives. If an instructor knows exactly what he or she wants to include and if the movie is on the site, it is relatively easy to find. However, one should know that a search for recreation class standards like *The Sandlot* and *My Left Foot* will be unsuccessful; they are not on the site. In contrast, plugging *The Sandlot* into YouTube will yield 990 results, most of which are actually scenes from the movie. Acknowledging that the prospect of sifting through 990 clips to find the exact right one may be overwhelming, the main drawback of Movieclips.com is the scarcity of material. The site promises to continue adding clips every week, so it is likely that at some point in the future www.movieclips.com will be at the top of the 'favorites' list.