

MEDIATOR INSTRUCTIONS

Role Play:	Just the Two of Us	
Party A:	Lisa Watkins	(36 yo)
Party B:	Amy Watkins	(16 yo)
Process:	Preparation to Closing	

Background

Lisa and Amy Watkins are mother and daughter. Lisa recently remarried and Amy lives with them. Amy is finding it difficult readjusting to life with a stepdad. Amy's dad died when she was very young, and she and her mum had lived on their own until Lisa remarried. Amy is happy for her mum and has tried to get along with her step-dad, Rob, but doesn't seem able to. She decided it would be easier if she lived away from them and is now living at a friend's place.

Lisa and Amy have decided to come to mediation to see if they can resolve this issue.

Common Understandings

- Lisa's first husband, who is Amy's father, died when Amy was five years old.
- Lisa has raised Amy on her own.
- Lisa remarried six months ago. Since Lisa's new husband, Rob, moved in the relationship between him and Amy has deteriorated.
- Amy and Lisa's relationship has become strained.
- Amy is now staying with her friend, Jessica, and her family.
- Amy's school has suggested trying mediation.