



# Student Led Peer Mediation

## Student-Written Peer Mediation Script

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**Overview:** *Student 1* and *Student 2* are best friends and sit next to each other in chemistry class every day until *Student 1* gets upset with *Student 2* because they start hanging out with other people and spreading lies about *Student 1* on social media. *Student 2* walks up to *Student 1* in the hallway, tension arises and an argument begins. The teacher (a voice never seen) tells them to see the peer mediator immediately. They go through the steps of peer mediation and through the process, they have agreed to be cordial around one another.

**Student 1:** (Casually walking down a hallway when approached by Student 2)

**Student 2:** Do you have anything to say to me?

**Student 1:** (Shakes their head, sarcastically) No, I have no idea as to what you are talking about.

**Student 2:** (Opens their phone and the social media post is shown to Student 1)

**Student 1:** (Laughs) Oh that? What I said was true and you know it.

**Student 2:** How can you openly spread lies about someone?

**Student 1:** Easily! Now you are lonely and alone.

**Student 2:** I am sick of this!

**Teacher:** (Walks by and hears all the commotion) What is going on here?

(Both students start talking at the same time)

**Teacher:** Hey (dramatically), I think you two should see our peer mediator.

**Student 2:** I would like that.

(Student 1 & 2 break off from hallway into a room with the Peer Mediator)

**Peer Mediator:** Welcome *Student 1* and *Student 2*. Before we begin, there are some ground rules that I need both of you to say whether you'll agree to do them or not. Is that all right?

**Student 1:** Yes.

**Student 2:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 1*, do you agree to speak to me, your peer mediator, with respect?

**Student 1:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 2*, do you agree to speak to me, your peer mediator, with respect?

**Student 2:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 1*, do you agree to not interrupt while *Student 2* is talking?

**Student 1:** I guess so.

**Peer Mediator:** You have to say "yes" to agree.

**Student 1:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 2*, do you agree to not interrupt while *Student 1* is talking?

**Student 2:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 1*, do you agree to try your best to resolve the conflict?

**Student 1:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 2*, do you agree to do your best to resolve the conflict?

**Student 2:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 1*, since you are sitting closest to me, I'll ask that you go first in telling your side of the story.

**Student 1:** Well, a few weeks ago my friend's sister's cousin told me that *Student 2* talked about me to her. I did not feel a need to go up to her personally about it, so I made a post saying she cheated on a test, to make *Student 2* feel as bad as I did. I did not know that it would reach as many people as it did. Today, *Student 2* came up to me and I just acted like I did not know what *Student 2* was talking about. Things escalated and the teacher told us to come here. Now I am ready to figure this out.

**Peer Mediator:** Okay, the conflict began for you when you heard *Student 2* was talking about you?

**Student 1:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** Then you posted something that was false about *Student 2* because you wanted them to feel how did when you found out they were talking about you?

**Student 1:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 1*, thank you for sharing that. *Student 2*, can you tell me your side of the story?

**Student 2:** Last week I got messages from a lot of people telling me to go to *Student 1* page. When I clicked on their story it said, "*Student 2* cheated on the chemistry test." I was confused as to why *Student 1* would even post something like this because we never had any issues before. Today I went up to *Student 1* to ask what it was about, but they acted like they did not know what I was talking about, although I came at them aggressively. I am now here to meet with you to clear the air.

**Peer Mediator:** Okay, thanks *Student 2* for sharing. What you are saying is that the post about you threw you for a loop because you thought you and *Student 1* did not have any prior issues that would make them post something negative about you. So, you went up to *Student 1* today and confronted them about it?

**Student 2:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** So, I have heard both sides of the story. Is there anything else going on that might have made you retaliate in this way, *Student 1*?

**Student 1:** Well, we used to be cool. We even sat next to each other in lab. But then suddenly she switched up, started hanging out with this other group of girls. Then I heard she was talking to them about me, so I got mad and decided to take matters into my own hands.

**Student 2:** EXCUSE ME--

**Peer Mediator:** (directed towards *Student 2*) Remember the ground rule of no interrupting.

**Student 2:** Yes, sorry. I was explaining that this is not true. I have never spoken about you to another group of students. Besides, that still doesn't give

you the right to post on social media about me like that. I could have gotten in trouble with the school.

**Peer Mediator:** Okay, so I am hearing there are some misunderstandings from both sides. Does that sound true?

**Student 1 and 2:** Yes.

**Peer Mediator:** Now it is time for the agreement. *Student 1*, what can you agree on?

**Student 1:** I can agree to not post false things about other people on social media and not spread things I hear before asking the person it's actually about. Also, I will not pretend like I do not know what people are talking about.

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 2*, what can you agree on to better this situation?

**Student 2:** I can agree to better how I approach people, especially when it is about a conflict. I can also agree to hearing people out.

**Peer Mediator:** I wrote down on a piece of paper what you have both agreed to. *Student 1*, read over what you have agreed to do. When you're ready, please sign.

(Peer Mediator gives paper for Student 1 to sign)

**Peer Mediator:** *Student 2*, read over what you have agreed to do. After you finish, please sign the paper.

**Peer Mediator:** I just want to reinforce the importance of keeping what we have discussed together confidential. If any of your friends asks what happened, tell them that you have resolved the conflict. Thank you both for coming to peer mediation today and putting a foot forward to resolving the conflict.

(Handshake + End)