

Mock Mediation Session 5:

Evaluating a Case



What does it mean to evaluate a case?

- Understand the case before mediation begins.
- Focus on facts, issues, and parties involved.
- Help students prepare for problem-solving during mediation.
- Build a foundation for fair and effective resolution.



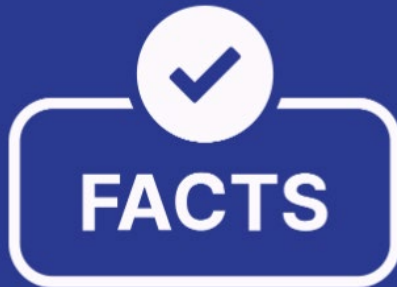
Identifying Key Issues



- Break down the case into specific issues or disputes.
- Focus on the main conflict between the parties.
- Encourage students to ask *What is the core disagreement?*

Reviewing Case Facts

- Separate facts from opinions and emotions.
- Focus on evidence that supports each party's claims.
- Guide students to understand the sequence of events.
- *Ask: What do we know for sure? What is unclear?*



Analyzing Interests vs. Positions

- **Positions** What the parties say they want.
- **Interests** The reasons behind what they want.
- Dig deeper to find out why each side holds their position.
- Help students understand that shared interests can lead to creative solutions.



Considering Potential Outcomes

- Explore fair and balanced resolutions.
- Weigh the pros and cons of each solution.
- Use roleplaying to explore alternative perspectives and encourage critical thinking.
- Ask: *What if?* questions to challenge students to think beyond their own viewpoints.

Questions?

Please complete the evaluation survey before you go. 😊