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## wo Kinds and Four Directions – A Study on the Relationship between Mother and Daughter

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to analyze the relationship between mother and daughter in Amy Tan's short stories, *Two Kinds* and *Four Directions*. Amy Tan is a famous Chinese American author. She has written several other books, a collection of non-fiction essays, short stories and children's books. Most of her works tells about women and cultures. This thesis uses a qualitative descriptive method, which is not using any statistical procedures. It describes the statement and situations related to the relationship between mother and daughter in both short stories. The writer also uses the short stories as primary sources of data, while the secondary are taken from references from

books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and browsing in the internet. The result of this study shows that the relationship between mother and daughter in *Two Kinds* and *Four Directions* are very complex. In both stories, the mothers and daughters have experienced strained and intimate relationships. Then, the conflicts between them are caused by different perceptions and lack understanding.

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