

## Lesson 8: Re-marriage or Stepfamilies



### Vocabulary Practice:

<p><b>Stepparent</b> - a man or woman who is married to someone's mother or father but who is not their biological father or mother.</p>	<p><i>My stepfather is going to take me out for pizza after the baseball game.</i></p>
<p><b>Remarried</b> - to marry again.</p>	<p><i>Her mother died in childbirth, and her father remarried when she was a baby.</i></p>
<p><b>Announce</b> - to make something known or tell people about something officially.</p>	<p><i>They announced the death of their mother in the local paper.</i></p>

### Dialogue Reading:

*Who is he?*

**Tina:** Why did mom send us a message to come here?

**Don:** I don't know, mom said she has something important to announce.

**Tina:** Announce? Hmm I wonder!

**Mom:** Hi there, kids! I am here to ask you how you would feel about having a new dad?

**Tina:** WHAT?! A new dad? Are you ok mom?

**Mom:** Yes, I am, dear, why?

**Don:** Why do we need a new dad? Is it because dad isn't here with us anymore that you are asking us about having a new dad?

**Mom:** Oh! I mean a stepfather, since I am now legally separated with your father and we'll get a divorce soon.

**Tina:** But I think mom, it seems too soon for you to think about remarrying.

**Mom:** But he already asked me to marry him and become part of this family.

**Tina:** Who is he?

**Mom:** I will introduce him to you when the right time comes.

**Don:** What? Mom, what you are saying is confusing.

**Tina:** Yeah! I didn't know that you were seeing someone. And now suddenly you are telling us we will have a new dad? Ohhhh.

### Exercise:

*Answer the following*

1. What is stepparent?

- a. a person who is married to one's mother or father, but is one's biological parent.
- b. a person who is starting a new family and will have children soon.
- c. a person who becomes one's parent after both of one's parents die.

2. What does it mean to remarry?

- a. to legally dissolve a marriage
- b. to have relations with another person when one is married.
- c. to marry again.

3. What is announce?

- a. to make something known or tell people about something officially.
- b. telling wrongs news to the people.
- c. to spread news.

4. Why do some parents remarry? Do you consider this an alternative for a happy family?

5. What are the effects on children whose parent is marrying someone other than one's biological person?