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Although mother and daughter are two central female roles, they have rarely been investigated. The relationship is specific, certainly different than the mother-son or father-daughter relationships. And this difference manifests itself in sex-specific language behavior. Despite 'eternal' features of the mother-daughter relationship, its quality is affected by individual psychological and by sociocultural variables. Thus, investigations took place in two big cities with very different structures and traditions: Vienna and Los Angeles. This is the first cross cultural study which reflects and co