

Apology Scenarios

	Common Scenarios in US English	Check the Steps included in the apology	Discussion Question
1	You are going to eat with a friend at a restaurant. You are waiting and she eventually arrives half an hour late and says:,"Sorry to keep you waiting!"	Remorse Accountability Repair Change	 Was it an appropriate apology? What do you think could be added to the apology to make it more sincere?
2	You are eating at a restaurant and the spoon on your table is dirty. You show it to your waiter and he says, "I'm so sorry sir/ma'am! I'll bring you a clean one right away!"	Remorse Accountability Repair Change	 Was it an appropriate apology? Would you add anything to the verbal apology? Other than the verbal apology, what could be done to repair the difficult situation?
3	You are an airline gate agent and you have to tell a customer their flight has been cancelled. You say, "I regret to inform you that there has been a problem and your flight has been cancelled. But we will refund your money or arrange you another flight if you want."	Remorse Accountability Repair Change	 Do you think it was an appropriate apology? Would you change/add anything to the apology? Was a full refund necessary?
4	You were talking to a friend at a party and someone interrupts your conversation and says, "Excuse me! We haven't met! I am John. It's nice to meet you!"	Remorse Accountability Repair Change	 Do you think John was inappropriate or offensive? Was "Excuse me" enough of an apology for the interruption?
5	You don't follow your teacher's instructions regarding an assignment and she is not happy with your paper. You then apologize and say, "I'm	Remorse Accountability Repair Change	 Was it an appropriate apology? Would you change/add anything to the apology?







	sorry. I misunderstood! It won't let it happen again!"		
6	A friend invites you to their house! You can't attend or don't feel like going, so you say, "Thank you very much for inviting me but I can't come this time. I'm sorry!"	Remorse Accountability Repair Change	 Was the apology necessary? Would you apologize differently? What if you just said yes, but didn't go? Would that be a lie?



