

Lesson 94: Apology 3 (Offering a Casual Apology)

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Hanako works for Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper asked Hanako to make a sales report one week ago, but she still has not submitted it yet.

Mr. Cooper: Where's the sales report that I asked for?

Hanako: I'm sorry. I haven't finished it yet.

Mr. Cooper: I gave you one whole week to make it.

Hanako: You're right, sir. I have no excuse for not completing it on time.

Mr. Cooper: Please submit the report by tomorrow morning. Hanako: I apologize again, Mr. Cooper. I'll work on it now.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

- 1. A: Why are you late?
 - B: I'm sorry. I have no excuse for my lateness.
- 2. A: You were very impolite to the guest.
 - B: It was my fault. I have no excuse for my behavior.
- 3. Jack didn't ask my permission to use my car. He has no excuse for doing that.

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3. Your Task

Situation 1: You are late for a meeting. Apologize to the people at the meeting (=your tutor) and explain why you're late.

Situation 2: You work in a factory. The manager (=your tutor) has asked if you could work overtime today. You have to pick up your child from school, so apologize to him and say you can't work overtime. Tell him that you'll do it next time.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you made an apology? Tell your tutor about it. Is it easy for you to apologize? Why do you say so? Why is it important to apologize?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

