

Lesson 94: Apology 3 (Offering a Casual Apology)

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1. Dialogue

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

Hanako was using the copying machine. Suddenly, the machine made a loud sound, and there was a little smoke. Her co-worker, Sheldon, is not very happy about it.

Hanako: Oh, no! I think I've broken the copying machine.

Sheldon: How am I going to make copies for the sales report now? My boss needs them this afternoon.

Hanako: I'm really sorry about this.

Sheldon: I'm sure you didn't break it **on purpose**. But I really need to use the copier.

Hanako: Don't worry. I'll call the technician. He'll fix it right away.

Sheldon: I can't wait that long. I have to make the copies now.

Hanako: There's a computer shop on the first floor. I'm sure they have a copying machine.

Sheldon: Good idea!

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I'm sorry for spilling wine on your shirt. I didn't do it **on purpose**.
2. He didn't let the cat out **on purpose**. He just opened the window to get some fresh air.
3. Wife: What? You lost your wedding ring?
Husband: I promise I didn't lose it **on purpose**.

* **on purpose** / 故意に、わざと

3. Your Task

Situation 1: You work at a coffee shop. You are serving a customer (=your tutor) a cup of green tea. He says he ordered black tea, not green tea. Apologize to the customer and tell him that you'll be back with the green tea.

Situation 2: Your boss (=your tutor) is asking you to join him and his business partner for some drinks tonight. You're really busy tonight, and you can't join him. Apologize to your boss and explain why you can't join them.

4. Let's Talk

In Japan, what is the best way to apologize?

What do you expect to happen after giving an apology?

Is it proper to apologize through email? Why do you say so?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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