



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

* ask for and accept an apology using possible expressions.



Read the Dialogue

Cindy: Where were you last night?

Mabelle: What do you mean?

Cindy: We were supposed to meet at 7:00 and go out for a few drinks.

Mabelle: We were?

Cindy: Yes, we were. Don't you remember? We made plans on Monday.

Mabelle: Oh my God, that's right. I completely forgot about that.

Cindy: I can't believe you forgot.

Mabelle: I'm really sorry about it.

Cindy: Yeah, well whatever.



Useful Expressions:

APOLOGIZING

ACCEPTING AN APOLOGY- GRACEFULLY

I'm sorry. Excuse me.

Oh, that's all right!

I'm sorry, but I'm afraid I broke your vase.

Well, what's done is done.

I'm sorry, but I seem to have lost that book you lent me.

Well, it doesn't matter that much.

I think I've broken your watch. I'm sorry, but it was an accident.

It really wasn't that important.

I'm sorry for being late. I couldn't help it.

No problem.

I apologize for hurting your feeling. I didn't do it on purpose.

Don't give it a second thought.

I'd like to apologize for being so abrupt yesterday.

ACCEPTING AN APOLOGY- ANGRILY

You what?

I can't believe you did that!

How could you?

I don't believe it! Save your breath!



Activity:

* What will you do in the following situations? Use the expressions on the first page.

You were supposed to meet your friend at the theater yesterday at 6:30 p.m. to see a movie. You waited in front of the theater for over an hour but your friend didn't show up. You're feeling rather angry and want to find out why your friend stood you up?

Last night when you were on your way home, you accidentally ran over your neighbor's cat. You haven't had the nerve to tell your neighbor yet, but you know you will have to, sooner or later.

You lent your video camera to your friend who wanted to videotape a wedding. Today you are meeting your friend for coffee and are expecting your camera to be returned.