

How to Apologize

What an Apology Does NOT Look Like:

- = I'm sorry you feel that way.
- = I'm sorry you misinterpreted what I said
- = You misunderstood what I meant
- = I'm sorry but...
- = What about that time you...
- = It was your fault that I...

7 Steps Outlining How to Apologize:

- 1. Say what you are sorry for
- 2. Say why it was wrong
- 3. Accept full responsibility
- 4. Ask how to make amends
- 5. Commit to not doing it again
- 6. Ask for forgiveness
- 7. Thank them

Apologizing is an exercise in correcting our free will when we have made a mistake that needs a conversation with someone.

