

Better Apologies Answer Key

Sample Responses:

1. "I'm really sorry I deleted your project. I should have been more careful, and I'll help you redo it."
2. "I'm sorry I didn't show up. I should have kept my promise, and I'll help make it up to you."
3. "I'm sorry I teased you. That was unkind, and I won't do it again."
4. "I'm sorry I made you drop your books. I should have slowed down and helped you pick them up."
5. "I'm sorry I broke your headphones. I'll take responsibility and replace them."
6. "I'm sorry I told your secret. That was wrong, and I'll do my best to earn back your trust."
7. "I'm sorry for spilling on your project. I'll help clean it up and fix what I can."
8. "I'm sorry for making fun of your answer. It was rude, and I'll be more respectful."

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus: Strengthening empathy, personal responsibility, and effective communication through sincere apologies.

Differentiation Tips:

- Model examples of both weak and strong apologies for students to compare.
- Offer sentence starters like "I'm sorry for..." and "Next time I will..." for students who need scaffolding.
- Allow verbal or visual responses if writing is challenging.

Engagement Ideas:

- Have students role-play weak vs. strong apologies to highlight tone and body language.
- Create a class discussion about how good apologies can repair trust.

Extension Activities:

- Ask students to write a personal reflection: "When have I made a real apology that helped?"
- Have the class build an "Apology Toolbox" poster with examples of sincere words and phrases.