

apology

1 Verb + apology

Use the correct form of these verbs:

give	demand	expect
make	offer	owe

1. We weren't looking for any compensation for the delay, but we did at least an apology.
2. Don't you think you your mother an apology for the way you behaved at Jo's wedding?
3. I'm really sorry we can't come to dinner on Saturday. Something really serious has come up. Please our apologies to your wife.
4. My wife was so angry with the way she had been treated that she marched up to the manager and an apology for the bad service.
5. I have an apology to I'm afraid I think I've just broken that pen you lent me.
6. What more can I do? I her an apology for my appalling behaviour at the party, but she wouldn't accept it.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences below with the following:

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1. Please accept our apologies for the error in your flight booking.
2. The newspaper was forced to publish a and detailed apology to the pop star for making untrue allegations about his personal life.
3. The Minister had to stand up in Parliament and make a apology for his unfortunate remarks on immigration.
4. I'm just e-mailing you to apologise for not turning up for last week's meeting. I was abroad and didn't hear about it – so apologies.

Now cross out the adjective which does not fit:

5. Look, it was a mistake. Please accept my hearty / heartfelt apologies.
6. The hospital wrote to me personally with a profound / professional apology for their mistake.
7. When a politician makes a mistake, they really ought to make a public / publicised apology.
8. Even the most abject / object apology isn't enough when you are caught stealing from a colleague!

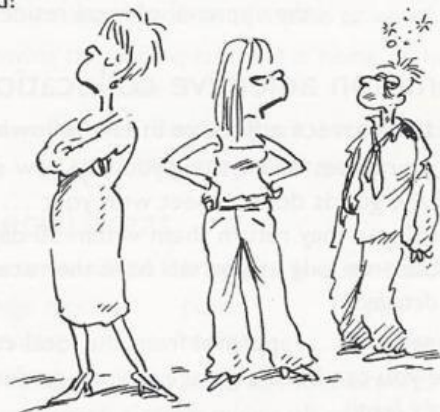
Go back and underline the adjective collocations.

3 Of + apology

Complete the sentences below with the following:

full	letter	way	words
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1. Following our complaint about our hotel room, we received a formal of apology from the management and a voucher for a free weekend for two!
2. As usual Andy was of apologies for what he had done. But I know his apologies mean absolutely nothing!
3. He sent me some chocolates by of an apology. He obviously finds it difficult to apologise face to face.
4. After I told him I didn't want to marry him, he muttered a few of apology and left the room. I felt so sorry for him I almost changed my mind!



"Don't you think at least you owe someone an apology?"

Notes

1. Note the following idiom:
Getting an apology out of my boyfriend is like getting blood from a stone!
2. We send apologies when we can't come to a meeting. For example:
The headmaster has sent his apologies. He's had to go to London.
3. Look at this example:
I make no apologies for what I said to her. She deserved every word!
You say this when you feel strongly that you were right to do or say what you did. You feel that no apology is necessary.