

## Lesson 17: How to Express Your Apologies

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Luigi: You broke my mother's favorite dish!

Miho: Sorry, Luigi. I really **didn't mean to** do it.

Luigi: It's okay, I guess. But my mother will be upset.

Miho: I will explain that it was an accident. Surely she'll understand.

[Mother comes and sees what happened.]

Miho: I'm truly sorry, Ma'am. It's really all my fault.

Mother: Don't apologize, dear. That dish had already served me well for many years. I could really use a new one.

Miho: I will buy you a new one, I promise.

Mother: Don't fret, my child. It's really nothing.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: Ouch! B: Oh, I'm sorry. It was an accident. I **didn't mean to** do it.

2. Jack **didn't mean to** hurt the dog.

3. Don't be mad at Susan. She **didn't mean to** lose your cat.

\*didn't mean to ... / ... するつもりは無かった (故意にしたのではない)

### 3. Your Task

*You spent your money on small things instead of paying for your tuition fee. Call your father or mother (= your tutor) and apologize for spending too much money on petty things. And then, convince your parent that he/she has to send money again so that you can pay for school.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*If someone who did you wrong gave you an expensive gift, would you accept the apology right away? Explain your answer. Have you ever given or received an apology gift? Tell your teacher all about it.*

### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words.*



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