

A mistake can be a new start

Learn together, one small step.



Look closely

You damaged something you borrowed. What could help you tell the truth?



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Ayuan borrowed Xiaohe's pen and forgot its cap. The next morning it was dry. He put it back in the pencil case, hoping she would not notice. But he felt more and more uneasy.

Pause and ask: Why does Ayuan want to hide it? Notice his fear before discussing actions.

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He asked a teacher to stand beside him. 'I left the cap off and the pen dried out. I'm sorry. Can we work out how to fix this?' Xiaohe frowned. She did not immediately say it was okay.

Pause and ask: Can we ask an adult to help us admit a mistake? Give one reason.

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The teacher helped them discuss repair or replacement. Ayuan planned to check things before returning them. Xiaohe could need time. A sincere apology did not require her to feel happy straight away.

Pause and ask: How is saying sorry different from making a repair?

A Buddhist idea

We can make amends. Others may still need time.



Talk together

Why was it okay to ask a teacher for support?

Must someone forgive us immediately after an apology?



Try an activity

'I did... I can repair it by...
Next time I will...'



For grown-ups

Read aloud, discuss and try a small activity.

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Full references and guidance are in the companion booklet.

