

## ROLE-PLAY SITUATION: apologizing and giving excuses

**Instructor directions:** The student has indicated that she wishes to do a **apologizing and giving excuses** role-play. Students have been instructed to prepare for the role-play, but will most likely have trouble doing the role-play smoothly on their first attempt. Below is a model conversation. Variations are acceptable. The main point being is to ensure that the student's message is understood. For apologizing, work with the student and generate some excuses for each situation. Repeat the role-play substituting different excuses until the student does it reasonably fluently

Apologizing (late for class)

Teacher: Good morning. Why are you late?

Student: I'm sorry I'm late for class, but I got off at the wrong bus stop.

Teacher: OK. I understand. Take a seat.

Student: Thank you. Sorry.

Apologizing (Coming home late)

Host: Hello. What happened? We were worried?

Student: Hello. I'm really sorry I'm late, but I got lost.

Host: Why didn't you call?

Student: Sorry, but I didn't have your number.

Host: (student's name), what happened? Why are you so late?

Student: Hello. I'm so sorry I'm late but I got lost.

Host: Well, why didn't you call? We would have gone to pick you up.

Student: Sorry, but I had no call time left on my pre-paid phone.