

CORRECTING YOURSELF

A2-B1 | Functional language for fixing a mistake while speaking

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to correct yourself clearly and naturally while speaking.

Sorry, I mean ...

Sorry, I mean Tuesday.

No, not ...

No, not ten. Eleven.

Actually, ...

Actually, it is on Friday.

I mean ...

I mean the blue one.

Let me correct that.

Let me correct that. It is 20.

Sorry, that was wrong.

Sorry, that was wrong.

What I meant was ...

What I meant was next week.

Not ..., but ...

Not Monday, but Tuesday.

2 Respond to the situations

Write a short response that corrects the mistake in each situation. Try to use a range of phrases.

1. You say a meeting is on Monday, but it is on Tuesday.

2. You tell someone the price is 10 euros, but it is 11 euros.

3. You say your friend lives in Tokyo, but they live in Osaka.

4. You choose the red bag, but you mean the blue bag.

5. You say a lesson begins at 2 p.m., but it begins at 3 p.m.

6. You say the test is tomorrow, but it is next week.

7. You give the wrong name for your teacher.

8. You say you went by bus, but you went by train.

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Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

Encourage students to use a range of phrase patterns from page 1.

1. Sorry, I mean Tuesday, not Monday.

2. No, not 10 euros. It is 11 euros.

3. Actually, my friend lives in Osaka.

4. I mean the blue bag, not the red one.

5. Let me correct that. The lesson begins at 3 p.m.

6. Sorry, that was wrong. The test is next week.

7. What I meant was Mr. Park, not Mr. Kim.

8. Not by bus, but by train.
