

CORRECTING YOURSELF

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for fixing a mistake while speaking

Conversation: Giving directions after a change

Mia	The club meets in room twelve. Sorry, I mean room twenty-one. They changed it last week.
Leo	Is that upstairs or on the ground floor?
Mia	Upstairs, near the library. Go through the blue door - no, not the blue one, the green one beside it.
Leo	All right. Does it still start at six?
Mia	Yes. Actually , six fifteen. The teacher has another class before ours now.
Leo	Thanks for checking. I'll be coming straight from work, so the later time helps.
Mia	Good. The room's bigger too, so there should be space for everyone.
Leo	I'll write down room twenty-one, green door, six fifteen. See you there.

Key phrases: Sorry, I mean / no, not / Actually

Conversation: Describing a recipe

Nora	Add two cups of sugar to the bowl. Sorry, that was wrong. Two tablespoons, not two cups.
Finn	That's quite a difference! I'm glad you said it before I poured it in.
Nora	Me too. I'm reading the next recipe on the page by mistake.
Finn	What do I add after the sugar?
Nora	The butter, melted. What I meant was , let it cool a little after melting it so it isn't hot.
Finn	Okay. And then I mix everything together?
Nora	Yes, gently. Bake it for twenty minutes - let me correct that , twenty-five. That's the time for this larger tin.
Finn	I've set the timer for twenty-five. I'll check it before taking it out.

Key phrases: Sorry, that was wrong. / What I meant was / let me correct that

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Give directions or event details, correcting mistakes as you notice them. Confirm the final information.

Prompt 2: Explain a practical process and correct a quantity or instruction promptly. Show how the listener responds.