**Making Mistakes**

**Responsibility and Apologies**

**Directions:** *The Making Mistakes module recommends you take responsibility for your mistakes and apologize when appropriate. Read the mistakes below, create a statement acknowledging your responsibility, and decide if an apology is needed. If an apology is needed, write down an example apology in the box. Once the worksheet has been completed, find a partner or small group and act out these mistakes while paying close attention to your responsibility and apology statements.*

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| **Mistake** | **Responsibility Statement** | **Apology?** |
| Example:  *You missed an important meeting.* | *“I take responsibility for missing the meeting. I overslept.”* | Yes or No  *“I’m sorry I missed it. I know you wanted everyone to be there.”* |
| You called someone by the wrong name. |  | Yes or No |
| You took your brother or sister’s shirt without asking and he/she got mad. |  | Yes or No |

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| **Mistake** | **Responsibility Statement** | **Apology?** |
| You made a commitment to complete a task for a group project at work or school, but were unable to get it done. |  | Yes or No |
| You spilled a cup of water on a friend. |  | Yes or No |
| You made a mistake on a very important work document. |  | Yes or No |
| You promised to call your family member back, but forgot to call them. |  | Yes or No |
| You forgot to pick a friend up at the airport. |  | Yes or No |