

What You Actually Meant

Untangle a conversation where what you said and what you meant came apart.

WHEN TO USE THIS

Use this after something you said landed badly and you are not sure why.

Write the sentence as close to how you actually said it as you can.

What did you mean by it?

What might they have heard?

Write it again, the way you meant it.

You are allowed to go back and try again. 'That came out wrong, can I say it another way?' works.

Being misheard is not the end of it. Most of the time you get a second go.