

Hey [Friend's Name],

I hope you're doing great! I just wanted to say I'm really sorry for showing up late to your party the other day. I know you put a lot of effort into organizing everything, and I feel awful for missing out on the start of all the fun.

I got caught up because [briefly explain reason, e.g., "my work meeting ran late" or "there was unexpected traffic"], and I tried my best to get there as quickly as I could. Still, I know it must have been a bit frustrating waiting or having to greet everyone while I was running behind schedule. Please know it wasn't intentional.

Your friendship means a lot to me, and I'd never want to let you down. I appreciate you including me and making me feel welcome, even though I was late. Next time, I promise I'll do whatever it takes to be on time so we can make the most of the celebration together!

Thanks for understanding-you're the best! Let's catch up soon (and this time, I'll be early!).

Take care,
[Your Name]