



## Sorry and apologising review

### Sorry review

*What words can you add to “sorry” to make longer sentences?*

+ sorry +

*What is the difference between “Sorry” and “Sorry?”?*

*Are there any other differences between the sentences that you wrote above?*

*Do any of the sentences above using the word “sorry” not really mean “sorry”?*

*What expression with “sorry” means the same as “I’m afraid...”? What does it mean?*

### Other words that mean “sorry” review

*What is the verb that means “say you are sorry”?*

*What words can you add to that verb to make longer sentences?*

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*What is the noun of that verb? What is its plural form?*

*What words can you add to that noun to make longer sentences?*

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*How are the sentences above different from the “sorry” ones and from each other?*

*What sentences can you make from “excuse” and “pardon” (verbs and nouns)?*

+ excuse +

+ pardon +

*How are they different from the sentences above and from each other?*

*How is “whoops” different from some of the phrases above?*

Hints: apologise/ apology/ but/ do/ for/ I can't tell you how/ I cannot express how/ I must/ I'd like to/ I'm/ if/ most/ please accept my/ really/ sincere/ sincerest/ terribly/ to/ truly/ unreservedly/ very/ wholeheartedly/ me/ I beg your



## Suggested answers

### Sorry

*What words can you add to “sorry” to make longer sentences?*

I'm sorry/ I'm very sorry/ I'm really sorry/ I'm really very sorry/ I really am most terribly sorry/ I really truly am most terribly sorry

I can't tell you how sorry I am/ I cannot express how sorry I am

Sorry for/ but/ to/ if/ about...

*What's the difference between “Sorry” and “Sorry?”?*

“Sorry?” is when you can't hear, can't understand or can't believe your ears (= very surprised).

*Are there any other differences? Do any not really mean “sorry”?/ What means the same as “I'm afraid...”?*

“(I'm) sorry but...” is used for giving bad news.

### Other words that mean “sorry”

*What is the verb that means “say you are sorry”?*

Apologise/ Apologize

*What words can you add to that verb to make longer sentences?*

I apologise/ I do apologise/ I wholeheartedly apologise/ I unreservedly apologise/ I would like to apologise/ I really must apologise

I apologise for/ if...

*What is the noun of that verb? What is its plural form?*

Apology/ Apologies

*What words can you add to that noun to make longer sentences?*

Please accept my... (sincere/ sincerest) apologies (for...)

*How are the sentences above different from the “sorry” ones and from each other?*

They are usually more formal

*What sentences can you make from the words “excuse” and “pardon”? How are they different from the sentences above and from each other?*

Excuse me – To get attention or get past

There's no excuse for... – For incredibly strong apologies

Pardon me!/ I do beg your pardon! – When you make a rude noise or make a mistake

Pardon?/ Pardon me?/ I beg your pardon?/ Excuse me? – When you didn't hear, didn't understand or are very surprised by what you heard

*How is “whoops” different?*

It's much less apologetic than “sorry” and so isn't usually an apology