



Sorry and Apologising Review

Sorry

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

Other words that mean “sorry”

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?

+ (s) +

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



Sorry and Apologising Review- Suggested Answers

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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 (also spelt 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 than “sorry” and so isn't usually an apology