

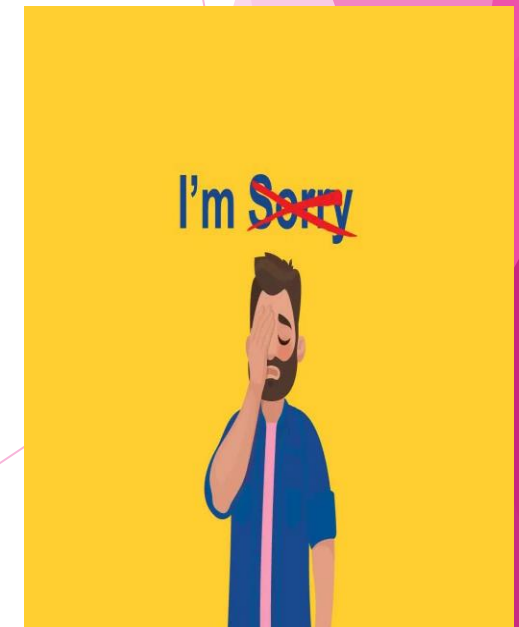
How to apologize

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How to say sorry



Phrase	Context
I beg your pardon	This is a fancy phrase that you can use if you want to express shock or surprise.
I apologize	This is the simplest way to apologize for something you did wrong.
Pardon	If you didn't hear what someone said, use this to ask them to repeat it.
My bad	This one's slang and should only be used with friends or people your age. It's very casual and generally used to apologize for a minor mistake.

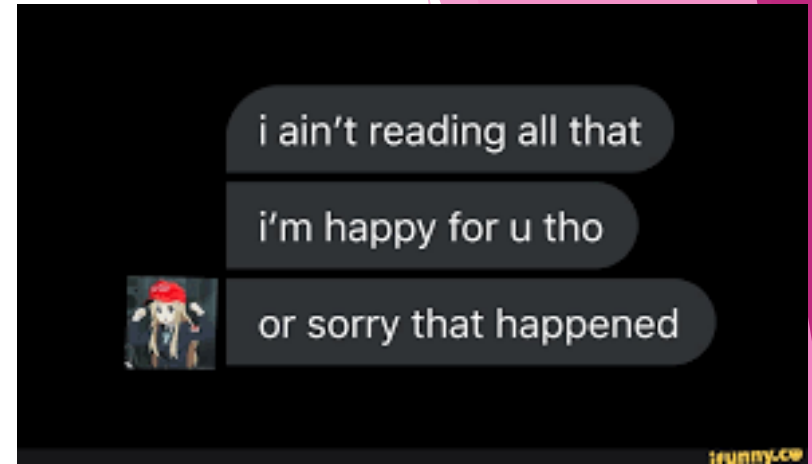
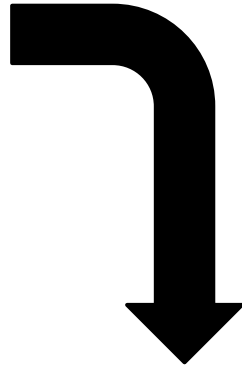


Examples

1. "How do you take your tea?" "I beg your pardon?" "Your tea, madam. How do you take it?"
2. Trains may be subject to delay - we apologize for any inconvenience caused.
3. Pardon me, are you finished, madam?
4. "You brought the wrong book." "Okay, my bad. I'll go get it."

***How to say you are sorry
when something bad has
happened to someone you
care about***

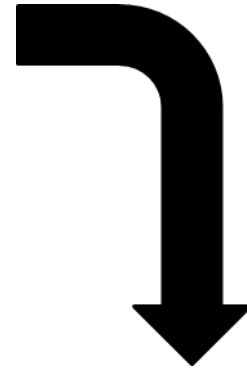
**I'm sorry that
happened to you.**



**Same as above; it can be used if
someone lost a job or had an
unpleasant experience.**



**My deepest sympathies. /
My condolences.**



Same as above.

**but more
formal.**

Oh no! How awful!/How terrible!



Use these exclamations to show that you're shocked at the awful thing that happened to someone.



**How to say sorry in a
professional, formal or
business environment**

**I'd like to apologize for how
I reacted/behaved.**



**Apologize in a formal
manner or for something
very serious.**



**Sorry for the
inconvenience caused.**



**This can be used if whatever you
did caused an unpleasant
situation or badly impacted
someone.**

Alternatives to
**Sorry for the
Inconvenience**

I apologize for the confusion.



If your actions somehow made someone feel confused, use this expression to apologize for it.

I wondered if "I apologize for any confusion" sounds too serious or if it's common to say when you made someone confused with what you said. Thank you.

HiNative

**Please forgive the lengthy
delay.**



**This can be used if you sent a
report after the deadline.**

