



## Survival Phrases S1

### How to Say 'I'm Sorry' in English

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## English

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- I'm sorry
- I'm really sorry
- My apologies
- My bad
- No problem
- Don't worry about it

### Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
sorry	sorry	adjective
apology	an admission of a mistake;	noun
bad	low quality	adjective
problem	an obstacle, a source of distress, a negative issue	noun
to worry	to think about problems or fears	verb

### Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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*I'm sorry*

*Please accept my apology for being late.*

*He blamed his bad knee for not being able to run.*

*The problem seemed trivial after some time.*

*Are you aware of the problem?*

*You don't need to worry about the spill. I'll clean it up.*

*My brother is worried about being laid off from his job.*

I'm sorry

### Grammar Points

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In this lesson, we'll cover phrases used for apologizing. Now, as you haven't quite mastered English

it's probably very prudent to go over the phrases for apologizing as they just might come in handy. We'll start with *I'm sorry*. This can be used for anything that you want to apologize for, but don't overuse it, it's a pretty heavy word. Save it for when you feel really bad about something. If you really want to apologize, you can say, *I'm really sorry*.

Other ways you can apologize without using the word *sorry* is by saying *My apologies*. This is formal, and is often used in business correspondence.

A casual way of apologizing to a friend is perhaps *My bad*. This is slang so use it only among your friends.

Now, if somebody apologizes to you, what would you say back? If you're really angry, and don't want to forgive them, you can say, *You should be*. But hopefully most times you will be more understanding and say, *No problem*. Or you can also say, *Don't worry about it*. Both are common, casual and friendly.

## Cultural Insight

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### Quick tip

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The phrase *I'm sorry* can also be used with personal bad news. For example, if a friend tells you that their dog has recently died, you can say *I'm sorry* to show that you feel bad, and in which case they may answer *thank you*.