

1. Say Sorry

Read the dialogue, and practice with a partner.

A: *Sorry I didn't call last night.*

B: That's okay.

A: *I got busy cleaning the house.*

B: That's understandable. You had a busy week.

A: *Yes. Thanks for understanding.*

B: I went to sleep early anyway.



2. Say Sorry

Complete the dialogue, and practice with a partner.

A: *Why didn't you call last night?*

B: _____. I forgot.

A: *Forgot! I waited all night for your call.*

B: I _____. Please forgive me.

A: *Okay, but please don't forget again.*

B: I won't. I promise. I'm so _____.

3. I'm So Sorry

Change the information in bold to another situation. Practice again.

A: *I'm so sorry I "**forgot your birthday**".*

B: You always "**forget my birthday**."

A: *I know. I apologize. How can I make it up to you?*

B: "**Take me out for dinner**" tonight.

A: *I'm sorry. I'm "**working**" tonight.*

B: No problem. "**Take me out**" some other time.

Other Ways to Say Sorry:

I apologize

Oopsie (informal, childish)

I feel really bad

My bad (slang)

I didn't mean to

That was my fault

Answer Key

Description:

Student review language and useful expressions for saying sorry. They practice different ways of saying sorry and responding to an apology.

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Exercise 1. Read out loud or in pairs.

Exercise 2. Answers may vary.

A: Why didn't you call last night?

B: Sorry. I forgot.

A: Forgot! I waited all night for your call.

B: I apologize. Please forgive me.

A: Okay, but please don't forget again.

B: I won't. I promise. I'm so sorry.

Exercise 3. Individual answers.

Exercise 4. Pronunciation Practice

1. *SO/rry*
2. *It's/ O/kay.*
3. *No/ PRO/blem.*
4. *OOP/sie*
5. *I /did/n't /MEAN/ to.*

Exercise 6. Choose the Best Response

1. *a*
2. *c*
3. *a*
4. *c*
5. *a*