

Different Ways to Say I'm Sorry

1. I owe you an apology

Ex: I owe you an apology for not attending your birthday last week

2. I take full responsibility for my actions

Ex: I take full responsibility of my actions. I shouldn't have responded to her angry mood.

3. It was wrong for me

Ex: It was wrong of me to shout at you in public.

4. I'm so very sorry – more sincere and heartfelt

Ex: I'm so very sorry for insulting you. I know I shouldn't have done that.

5. I'm ever so sorry

Ex: I'm ever so sorry for discussing your personal matter to my sister. I shouldn't have mention it to her in the first place.

6. I'm terribly sorry

Ex: I'm terribly sorry for making up a scene in the grocery yesterday, Mother. I was really upset of how things are going in the office and the baggage boy wasn't even paying attention to my request.

7. It was thoughtless of me

Ex: I know it was completely thoughtless of me not to help you to carry those grocery bags inside the house.

8. I sincerely apologize – written in formal communication

Ex: Dear Mr. President, I sincerely apologize for not sending you the files immediately as what you have requested.



9. I hope you can forgive me

Ex: I hope that you can still forgive me after I have shouted at you in the office yesterday.

10. I hope I can be forgiven

Ex: I hope I can be forgiven for dragging you to the buffet table with me during the Christmas party.

11. I didn't mean to...

Ex: I didn't mean to pour the drinks on his shirt

12. I shouldn't have

Ex: I really shouldn't have scolded at you in the first place.

13. I deeply regret

Ex: I deeply regret letting her drive all by herself that night.

14. I made a huge mistake/ I messed up

Ex: I made a huge mistake/I messed up by telling our secret to your Mother.

15. I really hope you can find it within you

Ex: I really hope you can find it with in you to drop the charges against me.

16. It won't happen again – to say at the end of the apology.

Ex: I really promised that it won't happen again. Can we be friends again?

