

apologise**apolo·gize** (BrE also -ise) [**apologize apologizes apologized apologizing**] BrE[ə'pɒlədʒaɪz] NAmE [ə'pɑlədʒɑːz] **verb intransitive** ~ (to sb) (for sth)

to say that you are sorry for doing sth wrong or causing a problem

- Why should I apologize?
- Go and apologize to her.
- We apologize for the late departure of this flight.

See also: ↑-ise

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	apologize
	BrE /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/
	NAmE /ə'pɑlədʒɑːz/
he / she / it	apologizes
	BrE /ə'pɒlədʒaɪzɪz/
	NAmE /ə'pɑlədʒɑːzɪz/
past simple, past participle	apologized
	BrE /ə'pɒlədʒaɪzɪd/
	NAmE /ə'pɑlədʒɑːzɪzɪd/
-ing form	apologizing
	BrE /ə'pɒlədʒaɪzɪŋ/
	NAmE /ə'pɑlədʒɑːzɪzɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in the sense 'make a defensive argument'): from Greek **apologizesthai** 'give an account', from **apologos** 'story'. In English the verb has always been used as if it were a direct derivative of apology.

Thesaurus:**apologize** (BrE also -ise) **verb I**

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say sorry • [formal, especially written **regret** • |especially BrE, formal, spoken **beg sb's pardon** •apologize/say sorry **to sb**apologize/say sorry/beg sb's pardon **for sth**apologize/regret **that...**Example Bank:

- He apologized to his colleagues.
- I do apologize most humbly.
- I must apologize for cancelling our meeting at such short notice.
- I must apologize for not letting you know sooner.
- I would like to apologize most sincerely for any embarrassment caused.
- She apologized for being late.
- The president of the company apologized personally for the tragic accident.
- I apologize if I've interrupted your work.

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a [pɒlɒgɪzə **S2** BrE ^ɪ AmE ^ɪ (also **apologize** *British English*) /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz \$ ə'pɑlədʒɑːz-**verb**

[intransitive]

to tell someone that you are sorry that you have done something wrong ⇒ **apologetic** :

" I'm so sorry, I do apologize.

apologize to

" I think you should apologize to your brother.

apologize for (doing) something

" He later apologized for his behaviour.

" I apologize for losing my temper.

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In everyday English, people often use the phrases **say (you are) sorry** or **tell someone you are sorry**, rather than **apologize (to somebody)**:

- *I've already apologized to him.* → I've already told him I'm sorry.

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