

a·pol·o·gize ^{s2} (also / **-ise** *BrE*)

/ə'pɒlədʒaɪz \$ ə'pɔː-/

verb [intransitive]

SORRY/APOLOGIZE 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.

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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