

### Activity Type

Matching and speaking activity, group work

### Language Focus

Apologizing and expressions with 'sorry'

### Aim

To match statements and questions with an appropriate response using the word 'sorry'.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three and cut as indicated. Keep the white and grey cards separate.

### Level

Intermediate (A2-B1)

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

In this fun pelmanism card game, students practice apologizing and using expressions with 'sorry'.

### Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three. Give each group a set of white cards and a set of grey cards.

Tell the students that they are going to play a game where they practice apologizing and using expressions with 'sorry'. Ask the students to spread out the cards face down on the table, keeping the white and grey cards separate.

Explain that the white cards are statement or question cards, and the grey cards are response cards. The students' task is to collect matching pairs of grey and white cards that make a statement or question and response using the word 'sorry'.

Example:

A: I failed my English exam. (statement)

B: Sorry to hear that. Better luck next time. (response)

One student begins by turning over one card from each set. If the statement/question and response make a logical pair, the student keeps the two cards.

For each matching pair, the word 'sorry' must appear either in the statement/question or response.

If the cards don't match, the student turns the cards over again.

Play then passes to the next student, and so on.

Students should try to remember where they put each card so that they can pick matching cards when their turn comes around.

The winner is the student with the most cards at the end of the game.

As an extension, one student takes all the white statement/question cards and says each one in turn.

The group members then race to give an appropriate response.

The first student to do this wins the card.

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I failed my English exam.	Sorry to hear that. Better luck next time.
Do you want to stay for lunch?	I'm sorry, but I have to go. Maybe next time.
Where have you been? You're very late.	Sorry. The traffic was terrible.
Can I speak to Carrie?	I'm sorry. She's not here at the moment.
My number is 084-130-1234.	Sorry, I didn't quite catch that.
Excuse me please.	Sorry, I didn't see you there.
My name's James Dixon.	Sorry. What did you say your name was?
I can't believe you forgot my birthday.	I'm really sorry. It won't happen again.
I can't find my phone.	I'm sorry to hear that. I'm sure it will turn up soon.
We have split up.	I'm sorry to hear that. I had no idea you weren't getting along.
Good morning. ABC company.	Sorry. I must have dialled the wrong number.
Can I come in?	I'm sorry. We are closed.
My cat died last month.	Oh dear. I'm so sorry. I didn't know.
I'm really sorry about last night.	Forget about it. I'm as much to blame as you are
Did you know Thomas is leaving?	Yes, I'll be sorry to see him go.
Sorry to keep you waiting.	That's OK. I haven't been here long.