

# 95 ) Offers and saying sorry

## A Offers



### Offering food/drink

Would you like a drink?  
Do you want something to eat?



### Offering help

Do you need some help?  
Let me help you.

| Accept   | Refuse      |
|--|-------------|
| Yes, please.<br>Thanks.<br>Thanks. Could I have ...? | No, thanks. |
|  |             |
|  |             |

| Accept  | Refuse                                    |
|---|---|
| Yes, please.<br>Thanks a lot.<br>Thank you (very much). | No, I'm fine, thanks.<br>No, don't worry. |
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### GLOSSARY

**offer** say or show that you will give sth if another person wants it **offer n**  
**need** If you **need** sth, you must have it.  
**help** the act of doing sth good for sb **help v**  
**let me ...** used for asking permission to help another person

**accept** say 'yes' **OPP refuse**  
**thanks a lot** **inf** = thanks very much  
**don't worry** used to tell sb that sth is not important  
**worry n**

### 1 Correct the mistakes.

► Could you like a drink? Would .....  
 1 You want something to eat? .....  
 2 Thanks, no. .....  
 3 I fine, thanks. ....

4 Do you like something to eat? .....  
 5 Let me to help you. .....  
 6 I thank you very much. ....  
 7 Thanks. Could I take a coffee? ....

### 2 Complete the sentences with one word.

► Would ..... you like something to eat? ~ Oh, thank you very much .....  
 1 Do you need some ..... with your luggage? ~ Oh, yes, .....  
 2 Did you ..... her a drink when she arrived? ~ Yes, of course.  
 3 Do you ..... some help with those books? ~ Yes I do. ..... a lot.  
 4 Here, ..... me help you. ~ No, don't ..... I'm OK, thanks.  
 5 I offered to help but she ..... . She said she didn't need help.  
 6 When people offer me a drink, I usually say 'yes'. I think it's polite to ..... .

### 3 Complete the questions and answers.

► Offer someone food.  
 1 Offer someone a drink.  
 Accept, and ask for some water.  
 2 Offer someone help.  
 Say no politely.  
 3 Offer someone food.  
 Accept, and ask for an apple.  
 4 Offer someone help.  
 Say no politely.

Do you want something to eat?  
 A Would ..... drink?  
 B Yes, ..... water?  
 A Do ..... help?  
 B No, ..... , thanks.  
 A Would ..... eat?  
 B ..... an apple?  
 A Let ..... .  
 B No, ..... worry.



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## B Saying sorry

He pushed me but  
didn't say sorry.



Really! That's so rude.

### Saying sorry

Sorry, I don't speak English very well.  
Oh no! I've broken a cup. I'm so sorry.  
I'm very sorry – I've lost your pen.  
I forgot to post your letter – I'm really sorry.  
Sorry I'm late – the traffic was terrible.

### Responses

That's all right. I'll speak slowly.  
That's OK. Don't worry.  
It doesn't matter. I've got lots of pens.  
Never mind. I can post it later.  
Oh, don't worry about it.

### SPOTLIGHT (I'm) sorry

You use (very/really/so) sorry when you:

- feel bad about something you've done:  
*I'm sorry, I've broken your cup.*
- feel sad about something:  
*I'm sorry you can't come to the party.*
- want somebody to repeat something:  
*Sorry, could you repeat that, please?*

### GLOSSARY

rude not speaking or behaving in a way that is correct for the social situation OPP **polite**  
that's all right / don't worry / it doesn't matter / never mind These phrases all mean 'it's not important' / 'it's OK'.

**break** pt **broke** pp **broken**

**lose** pt/ pp **lost**  
**forget** pt **forgot** pp **forgotten**  
(I'm) sorry I'm late

make sth go into smaller pieces,  
e.g. by dropping it  
If you **lose** sth, you can't find it.  
= not remember  
(NOT Sorry for be late.)

#### 4 Match 1–8 with a–i.

► That's c ...  
1 It doesn't .....  
2 I forgot to .....  
3 Never .....  
4 Don't .....  
5 Sorry .....  
6 I'm really .....  
7 I've broken .....  
8 I've lost .....  
  
a bring your book.  
b my car keys.  
c all right. ✓  
d I'm late.  
e sorry.  
f matter.  
g your pencil.  
h worry.  
i mind.

#### 5 Complete the dialogues with a word or a contraction (e.g. don't).

► I'm very sorry ..... ~ That's OK.  
1 I'm really sorry. ~ ..... all right.  
2 I'm sorry ..... late. The traffic was terrible. ~ That's OK.  
3 I'm afraid I've ..... my homework. ~ That's all ..... Bring it tomorrow.  
4 I'm ..... sorry. ~ It doesn't .....  
5 Sorry I'm late. ~ Oh, never ..... It's not important.  
6 Did he say ..... to you? ~ Yes, he did. He's always very .....  
7 I think I've ..... your chair. I'm very sorry. ~ Don't ..... It's very old.  
8 Did he say sorry? ~ No, he's very .....  
  
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#### 6 Write down:

- three words you can use before sorry ► very .....  
2 four phrases you can use to say 'it's OK' or 'it's not important':  
.....  
3 three different meanings of 'sorry':  
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