

MY NAME _____



Preparation

Sorry means that you are sad about something that happened and you don't want it to happen again.

Prime Minister Rudd said sorry about the Stolen Generations and wants all Australians to make a new start between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

1. The students on the front cover are happy that Prime Minister Rudd said sorry.
Draw a picture of you and your friends celebrating something you are happy about.

Write a few sentences to describe your picture.



2. Understanding what you read.

What did Mr Rudd say to the Stolen Generations?

What did he mean when he said it?

3. Another word for sorry is apology.

word	now – present tense	then – past tense
apology	apologise apologising	apologised
steal	steal stealing	stole

Fill in the correct words below.

word	now – present tense	then – past tense
heal		
respect		

4. Spelling.

Circle the words that are spelt correctly below.

stolen stollen stoolen
 genration generation jeneration
 appology apologi apology



5. Writing a recount

Did you watch the national apology on television on February 13?

Maybe you even got to go to Canberra to hear the apology?

Write about what you were doing and how you felt when Prime Minister Rudd said sorry.

Use the grid below to help you write your recount in your own words.

Structure of a recount	Example	My recount
Introduction What happened	On February 13, Prime Minister Rudd said sorry to the Stolen Generations.	
Where you heard the apology	Our whole school watched the apology on television in the hall. A lot of community people were there too. Some of the Elders were crying.	
How you felt	I felt sad for the Elders, but mostly I was happy that the PM said sorry.	
Conclusion	I'm glad that Mr Rudd said sorry.	

Check your spelling and punctuation.

Write your recount below.

Maybe you could send your recount to *My Story Competition* – go to page 28 for more details.