

SORRY ABOUT

Apologising for our actions:

- I'm sorry about losing my temper .
- I'm really sorry about what I said. I wish I could take it back.

Apologising for other people's actions :

- I'm sorry about my son's behaviour.

Distressed about a situation:

- I'm sorry about the death of your dog.
- Sorry about the mess – I'll clean it up.
- I am sorry about what happened with your boyfriend.

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Apologising for our actions:

- I'm sorry for the things I said when I was angry.
- I'm sorry for losing my temper.
- He said he was sorry for breaking the window.

Feeling compassion for someone:

- I'm sorry for him. He can't even speak his own language.
- I'm sorry for her. She's gone through a difficult break-up.

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Regreting something that happens:

- We are sorry to learn that you are unhappy with the service received at our practice.
- We're sorry to hear that your father's in the hospital again.
- We are sorry to inform you that your flight has been cancelled.

Apologising at the time we do something:

- I'm sorry to bother you, but I need to ask you a question.
- I'm sorry to call so late, but I need a favour.

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Apologising for our actions:

- I'm sorry (that) I'm late – the traffic was terrible.
- I'm sorry that I lost my temper.

Regreting something that happens:

- I'm sorry (that) you had such a difficult journey.
- I'm sorry that your husband lost his job.