Adjectives and prepositions

Sorry about or sorry for?

Usa **sorry about** para pedir perdón por algo, **sorry for** para expresar pena por alguien y **grateful for** para dar las gracias por algo.

Ejemplo resuelto / Worked example

I am sorry **about** the mistake, and grateful **for** your help. / Siento lo del error y agradezco tu ayuda.

Complete each gap with the correct preposition.

01. Lamento la interrupción; no quería interrumpirte.
I am sorry _____ the interruption; I did not mean to interrupt you.

02. Lamento el malentendido; no quería interrumpirte.
I am sorry _____ the misunderstanding; I did not mean to interrupt you.

03. Lamento el comentario; no quería interrumpirte.
I am sorry _____ the comment; I did not mean to interrupt you.

04. Lamento el retraso; no quería interrumpirte.
I am sorry _____ the delay; I did not mean to interrupt you.

05. Sentimos mucha pena por la familia que perdió su casa en el incendio.
We felt very sorry _____ the family who lost their home in the fire.

06. Sentimos mucha pena por el vecino que perdió su casa en el incendio.
We felt very sorry _____ the neighbour who lost their home in the fire.

07. Sentimos mucha pena por los comerciantes que perdió su casa en el incendio.
We felt very sorry _____ the shopkeepers who lost their home in the fire.

08. Sentimos mucha pena por las personas que perdió su casa en el incendio.
We felt very sorry _____ the people who lost their home in the fire.

09. Estoy agradecida por el consejo que me diste.
I am grateful _____ the advice you gave me.

10. Estoy agradecida por la ayuda que me diste.
I am grateful _____ the help you gave me.

11. Estoy agradecida por la oportunidad que me diste.
I am grateful _____ the opportunity you gave me.

12. Estoy agradecida por la invitación que me diste.
I am grateful _____ the invitation you gave me.

13. Me sabe mal el error; tendría que haberlo comprobado antes.
I feel bad _____ the mistake; I should have checked it earlier.

14. Me sabe mal la confusión; tendría que haberlo comprobado antes.
I feel bad _____ the confusion; I should have checked it earlier.

15. Me sabe mal el comentario; tendría que haberlo comprobado antes.
I feel bad _____ the comment; I should have checked it earlier.

16. Me sabe mal el retraso; tendría que haberlo comprobado antes.
I feel bad _____ the delay; I should have checked it earlier.

17. El ayuntamiento recibió muestras de agradecimiento por la ayuda prestada durante la nevada.
The council received thanks _____ the help it provided during the snowstorm.

18. El ayuntamiento recibió muestras de agradecimiento por el alojamiento ofrecido durante la nevada.
The council received thanks _____ the accommodation it offered during the snowstorm.

19. El ayuntamiento recibió muestras de agradecimiento por el equipo cedido durante la nevada.
The council received thanks _____ the equipment it lent during the snowstorm.

20. El ayuntamiento recibió muestras de agradecimiento por la comida servida durante la nevada.
The council received thanks _____ the food it served during the snowstorm.

Apologies and thanks

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Se disculpó por el comentario que había hecho sobre el horario.
He apologised _____ the comment he had made about the timetable.

22. Se disculpó por la broma que había hecho sobre el horario.
He apologised _____ the joke he had made about the timetable.

23. Se disculpó por la queja que había hecho sobre el horario.
He apologised _____ the complaint he had made about the timetable.

24. Se disculpó por el error que había hecho sobre el horario.
He apologised _____ the mistake he had made about the timetable.

25. Estamos muy agradecidos por la oportunidad que nos ofreciste.
We are very grateful _____ the opportunity you offered us.

26. Estamos muy agradecidos por el apoyo que nos ofreciste.
We are very grateful _____ the support you offered us.

27. Estamos muy agradecidos por la información que nos ofreciste.
We are very grateful _____ the information you offered us.

28. Estamos muy agradecidos por la paciencia que nos ofreciste.
We are very grateful _____ the patience you offered us.

29. No te preocupes por la mancha; se puede arreglar fácilmente.
Do not feel bad _____ the stain; it can be fixed easily.

30. No te preocupes por el pequeño error; se puede arreglar fácilmente.
Do not feel bad _____ the small mistake; it can be fixed easily.

31. No te preocupes por el retraso; se puede arreglar fácilmente.
Do not feel bad _____ the delay; it can be fixed easily.

32. No te preocupes por el olvido; se puede arreglar fácilmente.
Do not feel bad _____ the oversight; it can be fixed easily.

33. Me siento muy agradecido por el viaje que organizaste para el grupo.
I feel very grateful _____ the trip you organised for the group.

34. Me siento muy agradecido por la visita que organizaste para el grupo.
I feel very grateful _____ the visit you organised for the group.

35. Me siento muy agradecido por la cena que organizaste para el grupo.
I feel very grateful _____ the dinner you organised for the group.

36. Me siento muy agradecido por la actividad que organizaste para el grupo.
I feel very grateful _____ the activity you organised for the group.

37. La portavoz se disculpó por los inconvenientes que habían sufrido los pasajeros.
The spokesperson apologised _____ the inconvenience the passengers had experienced.

38. La portavoz se disculpó por la confusión que habían sufrido los pasajeros.
The spokesperson apologised _____ the confusion the passengers had experienced.

39. La portavoz se disculpó por el cambio de puerta que habían sufrido los pasajeros.
The spokesperson apologised _____ the gate change the passengers had experienced.

40. La portavoz se disculpó por la larga espera que habían sufrido los pasajeros.
The spokesperson apologised _____ the long wait the passengers had experienced.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The adjective preposition is shown in bold.

01. I am sorry **about** the interruption; I did not mean to interrupt you.
02. I am sorry **about** the misunderstanding; I did not mean to interrupt you.
03. I am sorry **about** the comment; I did not mean to interrupt you.
04. I am sorry **about** the delay; I did not mean to interrupt you.
05. We felt very sorry **for** the family who lost their home in the fire.
06. We felt very sorry **for** the neighbour who lost their home in the fire.
07. We felt very sorry **for** the shopkeepers who lost their home in the fire.
08. We felt very sorry **for** the people who lost their home in the fire.
09. I am grateful **for** the advice you gave me.
10. I am grateful **for** the help you gave me.
11. I am grateful **for** the opportunity you gave me.
12. I am grateful **for** the invitation you gave me.
13. I feel bad **about** the mistake; I should have checked it earlier.
14. I feel bad **about** the confusion; I should have checked it earlier.
15. I feel bad **about** the comment; I should have checked it earlier.
16. I feel bad **about** the delay; I should have checked it earlier.
17. The council received thanks **for** the help it provided during the snowstorm.
18. The council received thanks **for** the accommodation it offered during the snowstorm.
19. The council received thanks **for** the equipment it lent during the snowstorm.
20. The council received thanks **for** the food it served during the snowstorm.
21. He apologised **for** the comment he had made about the timetable.
22. He apologised **for** the joke he had made about the timetable.
23. He apologised **for** the complaint he had made about the timetable.
24. He apologised **for** the mistake he had made about the timetable.
25. We are very grateful **for** the opportunity you offered us.
26. We are very grateful **for** the support you offered us.
27. We are very grateful **for** the information you offered us.
28. We are very grateful **for** the patience you offered us.
29. Do not feel bad **about** the stain; it can be fixed easily.
30. Do not feel bad **about** the small mistake; it can be fixed easily.
31. Do not feel bad **about** the delay; it can be fixed easily.
32. Do not feel bad **about** the oversight; it can be fixed easily.
33. I feel very grateful **for** the trip you organised for the group.
34. I feel very grateful **for** the visit you organised for the group.
35. I feel very grateful **for** the dinner you organised for the group.
36. I feel very grateful **for** the activity you organised for the group.
37. The spokesperson apologised **for** the inconvenience the passengers had experienced.
38. The spokesperson apologised **for** the confusion the passengers had experienced.
39. The spokesperson apologised **for** the gate change the passengers had experienced.
40. The spokesperson apologised **for** the long wait the passengers had experienced.