

**regret**

**1. [rɪ'ɡret] n**

**1. сожаление**

to hear of smth. with regret - услышать о чём-л. с сожалением  
to my regret - к моему сожалению

**2. 1) раскаяние, сожаление**

to feel regrets - испытывать раскаяние  
I have no regrets - я ни о чём не жалею, я ни в чём не раскаиваюсь

**2) часто pl извинение**

to express regret for smth. - сожалеть о чём-л.; извиняться, просить прощения за что-л.  
please accept my regrets - примите, пожалуйста, мои извинения, я очень сожалею (о происшедшем)  
to send regrets - вежливо отклонить приглашение (*письменно*)  
he did not come but sent his regrets - он не пришёл, но прислал письмо с извинениями  
to express regrets at not being able ... - выразить сожаление по поводу невозможности (*сделать что-л.*)

**2. [rɪ'ɡret] v**

**1. сожалеть (о чём-л.)**

I regret to say - к сожалению, должен сказать  
I regret that I cannot come on Monday - к сожалению, я не смогу прийти в понедельник  
it is to be regretted that ... - достойно сожаления /прискорбно/, что ...  
he died regretted by all - его кончину оплакивали все

**2. раскаиваться, сожалеть**

to regret having done smth. - раскаиваться в каком-л. поступке  
you will live to regret it - ты ещё об этом пожалеешь

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**re-ɡret** [regret regrets regretted regretting] verb, noun BrE [rɪ'ɡret] <sup>4</sup> NAmE

[rɪ'ɡret] <sup>4</sup>

verb (-tt-)

**1. to feel sorry about sth you have done or about sth that you have not been able to do**

- ~ **sth** If you don't do it now, **you'll** only **regret it** .
- The decision could be one he **lives to regret** .
- 'I've had a wonderful life,' she said, 'I don't regret a thing.'
- She regretted the words the moment they were out of her mouth.
- ~ **doing sth** He **bitterly regretted** ever having mentioned it.
- ~ **what, how, etc...** I **deeply regret** what I said.
- ~ **that...** I regret that I never got to meet him in person.

**2. (formal) used to say in a polite or formal way that you are sorry or sad about a situation**

- ~ **sth** The airline regrets any inconvenience.
- ~ **that...** I regret that I am unable to accept your kind invitation.
- ~ **to do sth** We regret to inform you that your application has not been successful.
- **it is regretted that... It is to be regretted that** so many young people leave school without qualifications.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	regret
	BrE /rɪ'ɡret/
	NAmE /rɪ'ɡret/
he / she /it	regrets
	BrE /rɪ'ɡrets/
	NAmE /rɪ'ɡrets/
past simple, past participle	regretted
	BrE /rɪ'ɡretɪd/
	NAmE /rɪ'ɡretɪd/
-ing form	regretting
	BrE /rɪ'ɡreɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /rɪ'ɡreɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **regreter** 'bewail (the dead)' .

Thesaurus:

**regret** verb T, I (formal, especially written)

- The airline regrets any inconvenience.

**apologize** • |especially BrE, formal, spoken **beg sb's pardon** •

regret/apologize **that...**

apologize/beg sb's pardon **for sth**

apologize/beg sb's pardon **if...**

**Regret or beg sb's pardon?** **Regret** is used in writing and in formal announcements, especially on behalf of a company or organization; **beg sb's pardon** is also formal but it is more personal, used by an individual speaking to another individual

Example Bank:

- I immediately regretted not asking for his name and address.

- It was a decision she would soon regret.
- Pierre told them some things he later regretted telling.
- She knew that she would live to regret this decision.
- The president said that his country deeply regretted the incident.
- 'I've had a wonderful life,' she said, 'I don't regret a thing.'
- If you don't do it now, you'll only regret it.
- It is to be regretted that so many young people leave school without qualifications.
- The decision could be one he lives to regret.

**noun uncountable, countable**

a feeling of sadness or disappointment that you have because of sth that has happened or sth that you have done or not done

- It is **with great regret** that I accept your resignation.
- She **expressed her regret at** the decision.
- a **pang/twinge of regret**
- I **have no regrets** about leaving Newcastle (= I do not feel sorry about it) .
- What is your greatest regret (= the thing that you are most sorry about doing or not doing) ?
- He gave up teaching in 2009, **much to the regret of** his students.

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**regret** noun

1. U, C

- He gave up teaching in 2007, much to the regret of his students.

**disappointment** • **sadness** • **unhappiness** • **grief** • |formal **sorrow** • |literary **melancholy** •

**Opp: satisfaction, Opp: happiness**

regret/disappointment/sadness/unhappiness/grief/sorrow/melancholy **at/about/over** sth

regret/sadness/grief/sorrow **for** sth

**to** your regret/disappointment/grief/sorrow

**with** regret/sorrow/sadness

2. U, C

- She expressed deep regret at the incident.

**remorse** • **shame** • **guilt** • |formal, especially religion **repentance** •

**Opp: pride**

regret/remorse/shame/guilt **at** sth

regret/remorse/repentance **for** sth

**feel (no)** regret/remorse/shame/guilt

Example Bank:

- Her biggest regret was that she had never had children.
- I have absolutely no regrets about resigning.
- I never learned to play an instrument and that's a matter of some regret.
- It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr Fred Fisher.
- She enjoyed living alone, but felt a tiny pang of regret for her mother's cooking.
- She expressed deep regret at the incident.
- She showed no regret about leaving her country.
- She thought of them without regret.
- The police offered no expression of regret at his wrongful arrest.
- To my regret, I lost touch with her years ago.
- my sincere regret at what has happened
- He gave up teaching in 2007, much to the regret of his students.
- James felt a twinge of regret at missing the party.
- What is your greatest regret?

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **re'gret**<sup>1</sup> **W3** /rɪ'gret/ *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> **verb** (past tense and past participle **regretted**,

present participle **regretting**) [transitive]

[Word Family: **adverb** ↑regrettably, ↑regretfully; **adjective**: ↑regrettable, ↑regretful; **verb** ↑regret; **noun**: ↑regret]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: regreter]

1. to feel sorry about something you have done and wish you had not done it:

• Don't do anything you might regret.

**regret doing something**

• I regret leaving school so young.

**regret (that)**

• He was beginning to regret that he'd come along.

2. [not in progressive] **formal** used in official letters or statements when saying that you are sorry or sad about something:

• We regret any inconvenience caused to our customers.

regret (that)

" I regret that I will be unable to attend.

regret to say/inform/tell

" I regret to inform you that your contract will not be renewed.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### adverbs

- **deeply/greatly** I deeply regretted what had happened.
- **bitterly** (=with a feeling of great sadness) I bitterly regretted my decision to leave.
- **sincerely** The airline sincerely regrets any delays to passengers.
- **very much** We very much regret that there will be job losses.
- **instantly/immediately** 'No,' she blurted out, instantly regretting her response.

### phrases

- **live to regret something** (=regret it in the future) If you don't go, you may live to regret it.

## II. regret<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " noun

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1. [countable usually plural, uncountable] sadness that you feel about something, especially because you wish it had not happened

regret about

" I have no regrets about leaving.

great/deep regret

" She has already expressed deep regret for what happened.

with regret

" I decided with some regret that it was time to move on.

" It is with great regret that I must decline your offer.

to sb's regret

" I lost touch with her, much to my regret.

2. **give/send your regrets** *formal* to say that you are unable to go to a meeting, accept an invitation etc:

" My father was ill and had to send his regrets.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### adjectives

- **great/deep regret** I accepted his resignation with great regret.
- **bitter regret** (=when you feel sad and angry) To the bitter regret of his party, he refused to call an election.
- **sb's biggest regret** Her biggest regret was not having children.
- **sb's only regret** My only regret is that my parents did not live to see this day.

### verbs

- **have regrets** I have absolutely no regrets.
- **express regret** The President expressed his regret at the deaths.

### phrases

- **a pang/twinge/stab of regret** *literary* (=a sudden short feeling of regret) Kate watched her go with a pang of regret.

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## THESAURUS

- **guilt** the feeling you have when you have done something you know is wrong: Divorce often leaves people with feelings of guilt.
- **shame** the feeling of being guilty or embarrassed that you have after doing something that is wrong, when you feel you have lost people's respect: I was too scared to help him, and I was filled with shame.
- **regret** a feeling of sadness about something, especially because you wish it had not happened: Kate watched her go with a pang of regret.
- **remorse** a strong feeling of being sorry for doing something very bad: a murderer who showed no remorse
- **contrition** *formal* a feeling of being guilty and sorry for something wrong that you have done: The company CEO expressed contrition for the errors that led to the crash. | He sounded full of contrition. | They wanted to perform some kind of act of contrition (=do something that shows you feel sorry for something).
- **penitence** *formal* a feeling of being sorry for something that you have done wrong, when you do not intend to do it again: He expressed genuine penitence at the harm he had done her. | a period of reflection and penitence
- **conscience** the part of your mind that tells you whether what you are doing is morally right or wrong: My conscience has been troubling me ever since.

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12500 **3885**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2586**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k** REGRET 11028

regret 5771

regretting 325

regretful 161

regretted 1331

regrets 2192

regrettable 487

regrettably 526

regretfully 235

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1944 **12341**<sup>2288</sup> *nn1*  
1559 **14558**<sup>1778</sup> *vv0*  
1504 **14951**<sup>1705</sup> *vvi*

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