



### To or For ?

What's the difference bewteen...

1. SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU
2. SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOU

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I have  
bought a  
screwdriver  
**to assemble**  
my furniture.

This is the **PURPOSE** for which I  
have bought it.



I have  
bought a  
screwdriver  
**for**  
**assembling**  
furniture.

This is the **CAUSE** behind the  
constuction of the screwdriver.

1. **TO INTERRUPT** = I use it **before** actually interrupting someone: it's a way to call my listener's attention, and it focuses on my **purpose** or **goal** – precisely, that of interrupting him.
2. **FOR INTERRUPTING** = I use it **after** interrupting the listener: it's an apology, and it focuses on the **cause** or **reason** for my current regret.