### I'm sorry to be late - Sentence patterns and examples

Class Objective: I am able to understand all the grammar pattern and example Sentences

# **Concept A: Grammar**

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The particle で that you learn in this lesson indicates a cause. Nouns used in this case are those which indicate natural phenomena, happenings, events such as じこ、じしん、かじ、etc. As with the sentence pattern in 1, on the previous page, in this construction expressions containing volition are not used as predicates.

1. 地震(じしん)で ビルが 倒(たお)れました。

Because of the earthquake, a building collapsed.

2. 病気(びょうき)で 会社(かいしゃ)を 休(やす)みました。

Because of illness, I took a day off work.

X 病気(びょうき)で あした 会社(かいしゃ)を 休(やす)みたいです。

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| V / レン〜Adj} Plain Form | ので~ |
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Like  $\hbar\dot{b}$  that you learned in Lesson 9,  $\sim \mathcal{O}\mathcal{T}$  indicates causes and reasons. While  $\sim \hbar\dot{b}$  subjectively highlights a cause or a reason,  $\sim \mathcal{O}\mathcal{T}$  objectively presents a cause-and-effect relationship as a natural course of events. As the use of  $\sim \mathcal{O}\mathcal{T}$  softens the view of the speaker, leaving a weak impact on the listener, it is often used to express a reason gently, to ask for permission or to make an excuse.

1. 日本語(にほんご)が わからない ので、英語(えいご)で 話(はな)して いただけませんか。

I don't understand Japanese, so would you please speak in English?

2. 角事(かどこと)が あるので、お先(さき)に 失礼(しつれい)します。

May I leave now? I have something to do.

As it is a soft expression, it is not used with the imperative or the prohibitive forms.

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