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## **Level 1** – 31st March, 2022

### **Will Smith apologizes to Chris Rock after Oscars slap**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-1.html>

Will Smith apologized to comedian Chris Rock for slapping him at the Oscars show. Mr Smith slapped Mr Rock around the face on stage. Rock was presenting the ceremony. He made a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada. The joke was about her being in a movie in which the role has no hair. Jada has a hair loss problem. In his apology, Will Smith said: "A joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear, and I reacted emotionally."

Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for the movie "King Richard". He played the father of Serena and Venus Williams. In his acceptance speech, Smith apologized to everyone watching around the world. He apologized to Mr Rock a day later. He said: "I was out of line and I was wrong. I am embarrassed....There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness." The Academy said it is looking into the slapping.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/03/28/entertainment/will-smith-apology/index.html>  
<https://www.wsaw.com/2022/03/28/academy-condemns-will-smiths-actions-launches-review/>  
<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/will-smith-apologizes-to-chris-rock-for-slap-i-was-out-of-line-and-i-was-wrong-01648510775>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Will Smith apologized to     | a. loss                |
| 2. Smith walked slapped Mr Rock | b. to bear             |
| 3. He made                      | c. around the face     |
| 4. the lead                     | d. emotionally         |
| 5. hair                         | e. role                |
| 6. A joke about Jada's          | f. comedian Chris Rock |
| 7. too much for me              | g. medical condition   |
| 8. I reacted                    | h. a "joke"            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Smith won the Oscar      | a. love and kindness |
| 2. In his acceptance        | b. a day later       |
| 3. everyone watching around | c. for Best Actor    |
| 4. He apologized to Mr Rock | d. into the slapping |
| 5. I was out                | e. speech            |
| 6. There is no place        | f. the world         |
| 7. a world of               | g. for violence      |
| 8. it is looking            | h. of line           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-1.html>

Will Smith (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Rock for slapping him at the Oscars show. Mr Smith slapped Mr Rock (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on stage. Rock was presenting the ceremony. He (3) \_\_\_\_\_ about Smith's wife, Jada. The joke was about her being in a movie in which the lead role has no hair. Jada has a (4) \_\_\_\_\_. In his apology, Will Smith said: "A joke about Jada's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ too much for me to bear, and (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor (7) \_\_\_\_\_ "King Richard". He played the father of Serena and Venus Williams. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ speech, Smith apologized to everyone watching around the world. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Rock a day later. He said: "I was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and I was wrong. I am embarrassed....There (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for violence in a world of love and kindness." The Academy said it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ slapping.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-1.html>

WillSmithapologizedtocomedianChrisRockforslappinghimattheOscarsshow.MrSmithslappedMrRockaroundthefaceonstage.Rockwaspresentingtheceremony.Hemadea"joke"aboutSmith'swife,Jada.Thejokewasabouttherbeinginamovieinwhichtheleadrolehasnohair.Jadahasahairlossproblem.Inhisapology,WillSmithsaid:"AjokeaboutJada'smedicalconditionwastoomuchformetobear,andIreactedemotionally."WillSmithwontheOscarforBestActorforthemovie"KingRichard".HeplayedthefatherofSerenaandVenusWilliams.Inhisacceptancespeech,Smithapologizedtoeveryonewatchingaroundtheworld.HeapologizedtoMrRockadaylater.Hesaid:"IwasofflineandIwaswrong.Iamembarrassed....Thereisnoplaceforviolenceinaworldofloveandkindness."TheAcademyislookingintotheslapping.

# APOLOGIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about apologies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-1.html>

Write about **apologies** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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