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**Level 2 – 31st March, 2022**

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

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-2.html>

Actor Will Smith apologized to comedian Chris Rock for slapping him at the Academy Awards show. Mr Smith walked onto the stage and slapped Mr Rock around the face. Rock was presenting the ceremony. He made a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada. The joke was about her appearing in an imaginary movie in which the lead role has no hair. Ms Smith suffers from a hair loss condition. This makes many women feel stressed and lose confidence. In his apology, Will Smith said: "A joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear, and I reacted emotionally."

Soon after the slapping incident, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for the movie "King Richard". He played the father of tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams. In his acceptance speech, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy and everyone watching around the world. He apologized to Mr Rock a day later. He said: "I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. 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 "investigating" the slapping.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/03/28/entertainment/will-smith-apology/index.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mr Smith walked onto        | a. condition          |
| 2. Rock was presenting         | b. loss               |
| 3. appearing in                | c. emotionally        |
| 4. hair                        | d. the stage          |
| 5. feel stressed and lose      | e. the ceremony       |
| 6. A joke about Jada's medical | f. me to bear         |
| 7. too much for                | g. confidence         |
| 8. I reacted                   | h. an imaginary movie |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Soon after the slapping  | a. the slapping    |
| 2. He played the father     | b. of line         |
| 3. his acceptance           | c. of tennis stars |
| 4. I would like to publicly | d. kindness        |
| 5. I was out                | e. incident        |
| 6. There is no place        | f. speech          |
| 7. a world of love and      | g. for violence    |
| 8. it is "investigating"    | h. apologize       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Actor Will Smith (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Rock for slapping him at the Academy Awards show. Mr Smith walked (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and slapped Mr Rock around the face. Rock was (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He made a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada. The joke was about her appearing in an imaginary movie in which (4) \_\_\_\_\_ has no hair. Ms Smith suffers from a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. This makes many women feel stressed and lose confidence. In his apology, Will Smith said: "A joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and I reacted emotionally."

Soon after (7) \_\_\_\_\_, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for the movie "King Richard". He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams. In (9) \_\_\_\_\_, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy and everyone watching around the world. He apologized to Mr Rock a day later. He said: "I would like (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to you, Chris. I was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and I was wrong. I am embarrassed....There is no place for violence in a world of (12) \_\_\_\_\_." The Academy said it is "investigating" the slapping.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ActorWillSmithapologizedtocomedianChrisRockforslappinghimatthe AcademyAwardsshow.MrSmithwalkedontothestageandslappedMr Rockaroundtheface.Rockwaspresentingtheceremony.Hemadea"joke"aboutSmith'swife,Jada.Thejokewasabouttherappearinginanimaginarymovieinwhichtheleadrolehasnohair.MsSmithsuffersfromahairlosscondition.Thismakesmanywomenfeelstressedandloseconfidence.Inhisapology,WillSmithsaid:"AjokeaboutJada'smedicalconditionwastoomuchformetobear,andIreactedemotionally."Soonaftertheslappingincident,WillSmithwontheOscarforBestActorforthemovie"KingRichard".HeplayedthefatheroftennisstarsSerenaandVenusWilliams.Inhisacceptancespeech,MrSmithapologizedtotheAcademyandeveryonewatchingaroundtheworld.HeapologizedtoMrRockadaylater.Hesaid:"Iwouldliketopubliclyapologizetoyou,Chris.IwasofflineandIwaswrong.Iamembarrassed....Thereisnoplacforviolenceinaworldofloveandkindness."TheAcademysaiditis"investigating"theslapping.

# APOLOGIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2203/220331-will-smith-apology-2.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) \_\_\_\_\_

