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Level 0 – 31st March, 2022

Will Smith apologizes to Chris Rock after Oscars slap

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Will Smith apologized to comedian Chris Rock for slapping him around the face at the Oscars. Rock made a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada. The joke was about a movie in which the lead role has no hair. Jada has a hair loss problem. Will Smith said: "A joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me."

Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor. In his speech, he apologized to everyone watching around the world. He apologized to Mr Rock a day later. He said: "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/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Will Smith | a. for me |
| 2. comedian | b. about Smith's wife |
| 3. slapping him | c. problem |
| 4. Rock made a "joke" | d. around the face |
| 5. The joke was about a | e. movie |
| 6. Jada has a hair loss | f. Chris Rock |
| 7. Jada's medical | g. apologized |
| 8. too much | h. condition |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Will Smith (1) _____ Chris Rock for slapping him
(2) _____ at the Oscars. Rock made a "joke"
about Smith's wife, Jada. The (3) _____ a movie
in which the (4) _____ no hair. Jada has a hair
loss problem. Will Smith said: "(5) _____ Jada's
medical condition was too (6) _____."

Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor. (7) _____,
he apologized to everyone watching (8) _____.
He apologized to Mr Rock (9) _____. He said: "I
was wrong. (10) _____....There is no place
(11) _____ a world of love and kindness." The
Academy said it is (12) _____ slapping.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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oblem.WillSmithsaid:"AjokeaboutJada'smedicalconditionwastoom
uchforme."WillSmithwontheOscarforBestActor.Inhisspeech,heapol
ogizedtoeveryonewatchingaroundtheworld.HeapologizedtoMrRock
adaylater.Hesaid:"Iwaswrong.Iamembarrassed....Thereisnoplaceto
orviolenceinaworldofloveandkindness."TheAcademy said it is looking i
ntotheslapping.

APOLOGIES SURVEY

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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) _____

