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Will Smith apologizes to Chris Rock after Oscars slap

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THE ARTICLE

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Actor Will Smith has apologized to comedian Chris Rock for hitting him at the Academy Awards show on Sunday. Mr Smith shocked the audience when he walked onto the stage and slapped Mr Rock around the face. Rock was presenting the Oscars ceremony. He made a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. The joke was about Ms Smith appearing in an imaginary movie in which the star has no hair. Ms Smith suffers from a hair loss condition called alopecia. This causes many women a lot of stress and a lack of confidence. In Mr Smith's apology, he said: "Jokes at my expense are a part of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear, and I reacted emotionally."

Forty minutes after the on-stage slapping incident, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in the movie "King Richard". In the movie, he played the part of the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams. In his acceptance speech, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy, the attendees at the show and everyone watching around the world, but not to Mr Rock. That apology came a day later. Smith said: "I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line and I was wrong. I am embarrassed and my actions were not [a sign of] the man I want to be. There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness." The Academy said it is "investigating" the incident.

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

1. APOLOGIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about apologies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

comedian / Academy Awards / audience / slapped / joke / hair loss / confidence / job Oscar / role / movie / tennis / superstars / apology / wrong / embarrassed / kindness

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SLAPPING: Students A **strongly** believe someone who slaps someone else should go to prison; Students B **strongly** believe this is too strong. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. OSCARS: Who should get an Oscar in these categories (anyone from movie history)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who	Why?
Best Movie		
Best Male Actor		
Best Female Actor		
Best Director		
Best Animation		
Best Song		

5. SLAP: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "slap". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MOVIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best movie genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Biography
- Horror
- Romance
- Action
- Mystery
- Sci-Fi
- Historical
- Comedy

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. comedian | a. Did something in response to something else. |
| 2. audience | b. Hit someone or something with the palm of your hand. |
| 3. slapped | c. Being only in our thoughts and mind. |
| 4. appearing | d. An entertainer who tells jokes and makes people laugh. |
| 5. imaginary | e. A feeling of being sure of, happy about ourself and knowing that we can do things. |
| 6. confidence | f. All the people or listeners at a public event such as a play, film, concert, or meeting. |
| 7. reacted | g. Being in a film, play, etc. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. incident | h. Behaving in a way that was wrong. |
| 9. acceptance | i. The action of agreeing to receive something. |
| 10. publicly | j. Trying to find or discover the facts of something to find the truth. |
| 11. out of line | k. An action, or happening. |
| 12. embarrassed | l. Feeling or showing you are uncomfortable being in a social situation because you think people are looking or laughing at you |
| 13. violence | m. So as to be seen by other people. |
| 14. investigating | n. Behaviour involving physical force to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Will Smith apologized to Chris Rock at the Oscars. **T / F**
2. Chris Rock made a joke about Will Smith's wife in an imaginary movie. **T / F**
3. The hair-loss condition alopecia makes many women stressed. **T / F**
4. Will Smith said the joke was too much for him. **T / F**
5. Will Smith won an Oscar for his role in the movie "King William". **T / F**
6. Will Smith apologized to everyone in the world watching the Oscars. **T / F**
7. Will Smith told Chris Rock that he was in line. **T / F**
8. The Oscars Academy will take no further action. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. apologizes | a. part |
| 2. shocked | b. illness |
| 3. slapped | c. stunned |
| 4. condition | d. wrong |
| 5. bear | e. event |
| 6. incident | f. cope with |
| 7. role | g. says sorry |
| 8. out of line | h. looking into |
| 9. violence | i. smacked |
| 10. investigating | j. brutality |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. he walked onto the stage and | a. in a world of love |
| 2. Rock was presenting the | b. emotionally |
| 3. hair | c. of confidence |
| 4. a lack | d. apologize to you |
| 5. I reacted | e. the incident |
| 6. That apology came | f. Oscars ceremony |
| 7. I would like to publicly | g. a day later |
| 8. I was out of line | h. loss |
| 9. There is no place for violence | i. and I was wrong |
| 10. The Academy said it is "investigating" | j. slapped Mr Rock |

GAP FILL

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

Actor Will Smith has apologized to (1) _____ Chris Rock for hitting him at the Academy Awards show on Sunday. Mr Smith shocked the (2) _____ when he walked onto the stage and slapped Mr Rock around the face. Rock was presenting the Oscars ceremony. He (3) _____ a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. The joke was about Ms Smith (4) _____ in an imaginary movie in which the star has no hair. Ms Smith (5) _____ from a hair loss condition called alopecia. This causes many women a lot of stress and a (6) _____ of confidence. In Mr Smith's apology, he said: "Jokes at my expense are a (7) _____ of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear, and I (8) _____ emotionally."

suffers
audience
made
comedian
reacted
lack
part
appearing

Forty minutes after the on-stage slapping (9) _____, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for his (10) _____ in the movie "King Richard". In the movie, he played the part of the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams. In his acceptance (11) _____, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy, the (12) _____ at the show and everyone watching around the world, but not to Mr Rock. That apology came a day later. Smith said: "I would like to (13) _____ apologize to you, Chris. I was out of (14) _____ and I was wrong. I am (15) _____ and my actions were not [a sign of] the man I want to be. There is no place for (16) _____ in a world of love and kindness." The Academy said it is "investigating" the incident.

attendees
role
embarrassed
line
incident
violence
speech
publicly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Actor Will Smith has apologized to comedian Chris Rock _____
 - a. from hitting him
 - b. far hitting him
 - c. for hitting him
 - d. fore hitting him
- 2) Smith shocked the audience when he walked onto the stage and slapped Mr Rock _____
 - a. abound the face
 - b. aground the face
 - c. around the face
 - d. a rounds the face
- 3) The joke was about Ms Smith appearing in an imaginary movie in which the star _____
 - a. has not hair
 - b. has non hair
 - c. have no hair
 - d. has no hair
- 4) This causes many women a lot of stress and a _____
 - a. lacks of confidence
 - b. slack of confidence
 - c. lacked of confidence
 - d. lack of confidence
- 5) a part of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for _____
 - a. me to bore
 - b. me to bear
 - c. me to boar
 - d. me to bare
- 6) Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for his _____ movie
 - a. roll in the
 - b. reel in the
 - c. role in the
 - d. rule in the
- 7) Mr Smith apologized to the Academy, the attendees _____
 - a. at the show
 - b. at the showed
 - c. at the shows
 - d. at the shown
- 8) I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. I was _____
 - a. out of align
 - b. out of a line
 - c. out of lint
 - d. out of line
- 9) There is no place for violence in a world of _____
 - a. love end kindness
 - b. lovely and kindness
 - c. love and kindness
 - d. loves and kindness
- 10) The Academy said it is _____
 - a. investigate in the incident
 - b. investigate tin the incident
 - c. investigating the incident
 - d. investigate thing the incident

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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Forty minutes after the on-stage slapping incident, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for (7) _____ the movie "King Richard". In the movie, he played the part of the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams. In (8) _____, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy, the attendees at the show and everyone watching around the world, but not to Mr Rock. That apology (9) _____ later. Smith said: "I would (10) _____ apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line and I was wrong. I am embarrassed and my actions were not [a sign of] the man I want to be. There is no (11) _____ in a world of love and kindness." The Academy said it (12) _____ incident.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say Mr Smith did to the audience?
2. What kind of movie did Mr Rock make part of his joke?
3. How does alopecia cause women to feel besides lacking confidence?
4. What did Mr Smith say was a part of his job?
5. How did Mr Smith say he reacted?
6. How long after Will Smith slapped Chris Rock did he win an Oscar?
7. When did Mr Smith apologize to Mr Rock?
8. How did Mr Smith tell Mr Rock he felt?
9. What did Mr Smith say there is no place for in this world?
10. Who is investigating the incident?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say Mr Smith did to the audience?
 - a) entertained them
 - b) made them laugh
 - c) made them sleep
 - d) shocked them
- 2) What kind of movie did Mr Rock make part of his joke?
 - a) a sci-fi movie
 - b) an imaginary movie
 - c) an action movie
 - d) a tearjerker
- 3) How does alopecia cause women to feel besides lacking confidence?
 - a) bad
 - b) worried
 - c) sad
 - d) stressed
- 4) What did Mr Smith say was a part of his job?
 - a) stunts
 - b) acting
 - c) jokes at his expense
 - d) press interviews
- 5) How did Mr Smith say he reacted?
 - a) unforgivably
 - b) well
 - c) badly
 - d) emotionally
- 6) How long after Will Smith slapped Chris Rock did he win an Oscar?
 - a) an hour
 - b) a day
 - c) forty minutes
 - d) 15 minutes
- 7) When did Mr Smith apologize to Mr Rock?
 - a) a day later
 - b) an hour later
 - c) 3 hours later
 - d) 7 hours later
- 8) How did Mr Smith tell Mr Rock he felt?
 - a) sad
 - b) bad
 - c) embarrassed
 - d) terrible
- 9) What did Mr Smith say there is no place for in this world?
 - a) apologies
 - b) violence
 - c) war
 - d) fighting
- 10) Who is investigating the incident?
 - a) the Academy
 - b) the LA Police Department
 - c) the actors union
 - d) the Hollywood Gazette newspaper

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Science Fiction

You think science fiction is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, romance or comedy.

Role B – Horror

You think horror is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): science fiction, romance or comedy.

Role C – Romance

You think romance is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, science fiction or comedy.

Role D – Comedy

You think comedy is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genre. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, romance or science fiction.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'apology' and 'comedian'.

apology	comedian
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• shocked• wife• imaginary• lack• expense• reacted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• role• part• speech• world• actions• kindness
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APOLOGIES SURVEY

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

APOLOGIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'apology'?
3. What do you know about Will Smith?
4. What do you think of the Oscars?
5. What do you think of Mr Smith slapping Mr Rock?
6. What do you think of Mr Rock's bad joke?
7. How would you feel if you lost your hair?
8. Should people make jokes about hair loss?
9. Would you be happy if your partner slapped someone who hurt you?
10. What advice do you have for Will Smith?

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APOLOGIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'comedian'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Chris Rock?
15. Would you like to see the movie 'King Richard'?
16. What's your favorite movie?
17. What do you think of Will Smith as an actor?
18. Is the world a place of love and kindness?
19. Do you think the Academy will take away Will Smith's Oscar?
20. What questions would you like to ask Will Smith?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Forty minutes after the (7) _____ slapping incident, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in the movie "King Richard". In the movie, he (8) _____ the part of the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams. In his acceptance speech, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy, the (9) _____ at the show and everyone watching around the world, but not to Mr Rock. That apology (10) _____ a day later. Smith said: "I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. I was out of (11) _____ and I was wrong. I am embarrassed and my actions were not [a sign of] the man I want to be. There is no place for violence in a world of love and (12) _____." The Academy said it is "investigating" the incident.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) for | (d) as |
| 2. | (a) onto | (b) into | (c) unto | (d) as to |
| 3. | (a) preventing | (b) pretending | (c) pressing | (d) presenting |
| 4. | (a) appears | (b) appearing | (c) appeared | (d) appearance |
| 5. | (a) slack | (b) flack | (c) lack | (d) black |
| 6. | (a) boar | (b) bore | (c) bare | (d) bear |
| 7. | (a) upstage | (b) on-stage | (c) offstage | (d) postage |
| 8. | (a) relaxed | (b) participated | (c) competed | (d) played |
| 9. | (a) attendees | (b) attendance | (c) attends | (d) attend |
| 10. | (a) had | (b) did | (c) went | (d) came |
| 11. | (a) line | (b) string | (c) thread | (d) queue |
| 12. | (a) kind | (b) kindly | (c) kindness | (d) kinds |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. presenting the Oscars eymocrne
2. appearing in an ainmygiar movie
3. a lack of ccinonedef
4. Jokes at my espneex
5. a joke about Jada's cilmeda condition
6. I eadrcte emotionally

Paragraph 2

7. the on-stage slapping ncnideti
8. In his cpatancece speech
9. That opaglyo came a day later
10. I am sdasremearb
11. There is no place for ivlnecoe
12. The Academy said it is tsgnviigantie

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () watching around the world, but not to Mr Rock. That apology came a day later. Smith said: "I would like to publicly
- () world of love and kindness." The Academy said it is "investigating" the incident.
- () and my actions were not [a sign of] the man I want to be. There is no place for violence in a
- () around the face. Rock was presenting the Oscars ceremony. He made a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. The joke
- (**1**) Actor Will Smith has apologized to comedian Chris Rock for hitting him at the Academy Awards
- () in the movie "King Richard". In the movie, he played the part of the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams. In his acceptance
- () Forty minutes after the on-stage slapping incident, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role
- () job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear, and I reacted emotionally."
- () apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line and I was wrong. I am embarrassed
- () show on Sunday. Mr Smith shocked the audience when he walked onto the stage and slapped Mr Rock
- () from a hair loss condition called alopecia. This causes many women a lot of stress and a lack
- () of confidence. In Mr Smith's apology, he said: "Jokes at my expense are a part of the
- () was about Ms Smith appearing in an imaginary movie in which the star has no hair. Ms Smith suffers
- () speech, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy, the attendees at the show and everyone

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. Chris Will to apologized Rock . Smith has comedian
2. walked and slapped Rock . the stage onto He
3. made Smith's about a "joke" He wife .
4. a many causes lot women of This stress .
5. for medical much too condition was Jada's me .
6. after the incident . Forty minutes slapping on-stage
7. of He the played father . the part
8. apologize to would to publicly like I you .
9. violence place No in for world . the
10. The is incident . it investigating Academy said the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Actor Will Smith has *apologies* / *apologized* to comedian Chris Rock for hitting him at the Academy Awards show on Sunday. Mr Smith shocked the audience *that* / *when* he walked onto the stage and slapped Mr Rock *abound* / *around* the face. Rock was *presenting* / *preventing* the Oscars ceremony. He made a "joke" about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. The joke was about Ms Smith *appearing* / *appealing* in an imaginary movie in *which* / *what* the star has no hair. Ms Smith suffers from a hair *loss* / *lost* condition called alopecia. This causes many women a *lot* / *lots* of stress and a lack of confidence. In Mr Smith's apology, he said: "Jokes at *mine* / *my* expense are a part of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear, and I reacted *emotionally* / *emotion*."

Forty minutes after the on-stage slapping *incident* / *incidence*, Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor for his *roll* / *role* in the movie "King Richard". In the movie, he played *a* / *the* part of the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams. In his *accept* / *acceptance* speech, Mr Smith apologized to the Academy, the *attendees* / *attendance* at the show and everyone watching around the world, but not to Mr Rock. That apology *came* / *went* a day later. Smith said: "I would like to *publicly* / *public* apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line and I was *wrongly* / *wrong*. I am embarrassed and my actions were not [a sign of] the man I want to *me* / *be*. There is no place for violence in a world of love and *kind* / *kindness*." The Academy said it is "investigating" the incident.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ct_r W_ll Sm_th h_s _p_l_g_z_d t_ c_m_d__n Chr_s
R_ck f_r h_tt_ng h_m _t th_ _c_d_my _w_rds sh_w _n
S_nd_y. Mr Sm_th sh_ck_d th_ __d__nc_ wh_n h_
w_lk_d _nt_ th_ st_g_ _nd sl_pp_d Mr R_ck _r__nd
th_ f_c_. R_ck w_s pr_s_nt_ng th_ _sc_rs c_r_m_ny.
H_ m_d_ _ "j_k_" _b__t Sm_th's w_f_, J_d_ P_nk_tt
Sm_th. Th_ j_k_ w_s _b__t Ms Sm_th _pp__r_ng _n _n
_m_g_n_ry m_v__ _n wh_ch th_ st_r h_s n_ h__r. Ms
Sm_th s_ff_rs fr_m _ h__r l_ss c_nd_t__n c_ll_d
_l_p_c__. Th_s c__s_s m_ny w_m_n _ l_t _f str_ss
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s__d: "J_k_s _t my _xp_ns_ _r_ _ p_rt _f th_ j_b,
b_t _ j_k_ _b__t J_d_'s m_d_c_l c_nd_t__n w_s t__
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pl_y_d th_ p_rt _f th_ f_th_r _f t_nn_s s_p_rst_rs
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th_ sh_w _nd _v_ry_n_ w_tch_ng _r__nd th_ w_rld, b_t
n_t t_ Mr R_ck. Th_t _p_l_gy c_m_ _ d_y l_t_r.
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

actor will smith has apologized to comedian chris rock for hitting him at the academy awards show on sunday mr smith shocked the audience when he walked onto the stage and slapped mr rock around the face rock was presenting the oscars ceremony he made a joke about smiths wife jada pinkett smith the joke was about ms smith appearing in an imaginary movie in which the star has no hair ms smith suffers from a hair loss condition called alopecia this causes many women a lot of stress and a lack of confidence in mr smiths apology he said jokes at my expense are a part of the job but a joke about jadas medical condition was too much for me to bear and i reacted emotionally

forty minutes after the onstage slapping incident will smith won the oscar for best actor for his role in the movie king richard in the movie he played the part of the father of tennis superstars serena and venus williams in his acceptance speech mr smith apologized to the academy the attendees at the show and everyone watching around the world but not to mr rock that apology came a day later smith said i would like to publicly apologize to you chris i was out of line and i was wrong i am embarrassed and my actions were not a sign of the man i want to be there is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness the academy said it is investigating the incident

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ActorWillSmithhasapologizedtocomedianChrisRockforhittinghimatt
heAcademyAwardsshowonSunday.MrSmithshockedtheaudiencewh
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spresentingtheOscarsceremony.Hemadea"joke"aboutSmith'swife,J
adaPinkettSmith.ThejokewasaboutMsSmithappearinginanimagnar
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itioncalledalopecia.Thiscausesmanywomenalotofstressandalackofc
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to bear,andIreactedemotionally."Fortyminutesaftertheon-stagesl
appingincident,WillSmithwontheOscarforBestActorforhisroleinthe
movie"KingRichard".Inthemovie,heplayedthepartofthefatheroftenn
issuperstarsSerenaandVenusWilliams.Inhisacceptancespeech,MrS
mithapologizedtotheAcademy,theattendeesattheshowandeveryon
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ater.Smithsaid:"Iwouldliketopubliclyapologizetoyou,Chris.Iwasout
offlineandIwaswrong.Iamembarrassedandmyactionswerenot[asign
of]themanIwanttobe.Thereisnoplacforviolenceinaworldofloveandk
indness."TheAcademy saiditis"investigating"theincident.

FREE WRITING

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

Write about **apologies** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

25 horizontal lines for writing.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. APOLOGIES: Make a poster about apologies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HITTING: Write a magazine article about banning anyone in the world from ever hitting another person. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on apologies. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on apologies. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. k 9. i 10. m 11. h 12. l 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. c	3. i	4. b	5. f
6. e	7. a	8. d	9. j	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Shocked them
2. An imaginary movie
3. Stressed
4. Jokes at his expense
5. Emotionally
6. Forty minutes
7. A day later
8. Embarrassed
9. Violence
10. The Academy

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Will Smith has apologized to comedian Chris Rock.
2. He walked onto the stage and slapped Rock.
3. He made a "joke" about Smith's wife.
4. This causes many women a lot of stress.
5. Jada's medical condition was too much for me.
6. Forty minutes after the on-stage slapping incident.
7. He played the part of the father.
8. I would like to publicly apologize to you.
9. No place for violence in the world.
10. The Academy said it is investigating the incident.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)