

SPECIALIZED ENGLISH PROGRAM 1  
READER RESPONSE FORM

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Title of Reading Selection: Is INQUIRER's apology a restorative speech act?

**Summary**

Direction: Write a one-paragraph (approximately 10 sentences) summary of the reading selection. It should include the title of the reading selection, the author's name, author's thesis, and supporting points.

In 2019, there is an article posted by the Bohol times titled "Is INQUIRER's apology a restorative speech act?". It tackles INQUIRER.net's apology to the Presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo for reporting that Panelo wrote a letter to BPP executive director Reynaldo Bayang recommending executive clemency for ex-Calauan Mayor Antonio Sanchez. Panelo clarified upon receiving his statement, and the updated reports stated that he merely referred the request of Sanchez's family to Bayang. Executive personalities have issued similar apologies, like Jim Paredes, Yeng Constantino, Kiefer Ravena, and Former President Rodrigo Duterte. They have expressed their sorrow, contrition, and commitment to be more responsible in their posts. However, in INQUIRER's apology, it lacks a commissive speech act, which is what it should've contain. As the person writing the said article being an applied linguist, he believes that language provides us with choices to represent our mental and internal affairs, which can be analyzed and understood even without linguistic tools. Sincerity remains a matter of internal introspection, rather than a written modality of the language, which cannot truly and fully speak for what our ruining hearts feel. Mr. Panelo rejected the apology and will pursue a libel suit. Upon checking according to him, he considered the apology unacceptable because it does not seem to possess one of the felicity conditions – sincerity. If apologies are not sincere, has issuing an apology become a matter of superficial ritual rather than a restorative act? If apologies are intended to convey moral obligations, should they be lodged from real apologetic hearts and should be uttered in an attempt to restore broken human connections? In conclusion, the question of whether INQUIRER and Mr. Panelo have personal, human connections amid their dissenting political leanings and fragmented relationships to rebuild is open to debate. The answers to these questions are yours to decide.

**Response**

Direction: Write a one-paragraph (approximately 10 sentences) response to the reading selection. It should include your reaction to the author's thesis, and assessment of author's achievement of the text's purpose, clarity, and objectivity.

More or less, I agree with what the author said. I read one video by ted-ed on how to easily detect a lie that some famous people do (video here). And based on him, you know that people lie when they use more noun or words than they should've. Instead of saying "I apologize and it will never happen again", they will make a round about of the situation before reaching to the conclusion. Which makes me question the statement of INQUIRER.NET. first they made a round about to just simple apologize. Second they did not go to the main point. And third, they prioritize themselves and their dignity instead of correcting what's wrong and apologize for those who got affected by it. Because of that, I can't blame if it looks insincere. Cause to my eyes the statement they released was worse than any AI generated apologies that I have seen if it were to exist at that time. And finally, because of what happened, surely their credibility and trustworthiness dropped because of them not admitting their mistakes and manning up to it.

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**Rubric**

This reader response will be evaluated based on the criteria below:

Criteria	6-10 Points	1-5 Points	Score
Comprehension	Summary demonstrates understanding of main idea and supporting points in the source text	Summary contains inaccurate information.	
Critical Reading	Response demonstrates sound reasoning in reacting to author's thesis and in justifying analysis and assessment of the text's communicative value	Response contains one or more logical fallacies.	
Clarity	Ideas in sentences are clearly stated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Provides pertinent details of the text (i.e., title, author's name, some publication details) in an introductory sentence.</li><li>● Uses transitional devices and accurate words</li></ul>	Ideas in sentences are not clearly stated.	
Completeness	Important ideas/information from the text are quoted to prove reader's reaction/rhetorical analysis.	Lacks ideas/information from text which is necessary to prove reader's reaction/rhetorical analysis.	
Conventions	Writing displays correct grammar, spelling, and mechanics.	Writing displays incorrect grammar, spelling, and mechanics.	