

## English from Entertainment Media

### News study 1

#### Agenda

1. Read the news
2. Study idioms, vocabulary and expressions.
3. Grammar = Past Perfect

Will Smith slapped Chris Rock during the Oscars ceremony  
after the comedian told a joke about Smith's wife.

Watch these video and share your opinions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myjEoDypUD8> Chris Rock made fun of Will Smith's wife.

1. Why did Chris call Will "Richard"?
2. What happened on the stage?
3. What did Chris make fun about Jada and how did she react?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tbyBlelz\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tbyBlelz_A) Will Smith's acceptance speech.

1. Did he apologize to Chris Rock?
2. How did he feel?
3. What did he win?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzD54iEDZkw> Abc asking for your opinions. He apologized the academy but not mentioned about Chris Rock.

What would you do if you were Will Smith?

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Do you think Chris deserve that or Will Smith did something inappropriate?

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Read the news and find the meanings of words and phrases in red.

# Will Smith issues apology to Chris Rock over slapping incident at Oscars

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Will Smith has **issued an apology** for striking presenter Chris Rock at Sunday's Academy Awards. In a post on [Instagram](#) on Monday afternoon, Smith called his behavior "**unacceptable and inexcusable.**" "**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," he wrote. "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 **indicative** of the man I want to be. There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness."



Smith added in his post that, "Violence in all forms is poisonous and **destructive.**" He also included in his note an apology to "the Academy, the producers of the show, all the attendees and everyone watching around the world," as well as the family of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams and those involved with the film for which he won his best actor award on Sunday. "I deeply regret that my behavior has stained what has been an otherwise gorgeous journey for all of us," he wrote. "I am a work in progress."

## What happened.

Smith on Sunday caused a stir that changed the tone of an otherwise uplifting Oscars ceremony when he stormed the stage and **struck** comedian Rock in the face. The moment came after Rock made a joke about Pinkett Smith's shaved head. While presenting the award for best documentary, Rock joked, "Jada, I love you, 'G.I. Jane 2,' can't wait to see it." The camera cut to an unamused Pinkett Smith, who has been open about her struggle with alopecia, an autoimmune disorder that leads to hair loss.





"That was a nice one," Rock said, appearing to respond to the joke not going over well. Rock then said, "Oh uh," and laughed as Smith walked toward him on stage and slapped Rock on the face. According to CNN reporter Stephanie Elam, who is in the audience, she could hear Rock getting hit. Smith said twice during the incident, according to Elam, "Keep my wife's name out of your f\*\*\*ing mouth!" Rock responded: "Oh, wow."

For viewers at home, censors **muted** the verbal part of the exchange between Rock and Smith. The theater went silent and Rock said, "That was the greatest night in the history of television."

## Smith's win overshadowed

Around 40 minutes later, [Smith would take the stage again](#) — this time as a winner. Accepting his best actor award for his role in "King Richard," a tearful Smith acknowledged the earlier incident and apologized to the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, the organization behind the Oscars, and **fellow nominees**. Notably, Rock was not mentioned by name.



Smith said, "I know to do what we do, you gotta be able to take **abuse** and have people talk people about you. In this business, you gotta have people **disrespecting** you. And you gotta smile and pretend that's ok." Smith shared that prior to his win, fellow nominee Denzel Washington shared some wisdom with him: "At your highest moment be careful, that's when the devil comes for you." Smith ended saying that he hopes the Academy welcomes him back. CNN has reached out to Chris Rock's representatives for comment.

## Reaction

Following the ceremony, the Academy Awards tweeted a short statement about the on-stage incident that read: "The Academy does not **condone violence of any form**. Tonight we are delighted to celebrate our 94th Academy Awards winners, who deserve this moment of recognition from their peers and movie lovers around the world."

The Los Angeles Police Department also said Rock chose not to **press charges** against Smith over the onstage



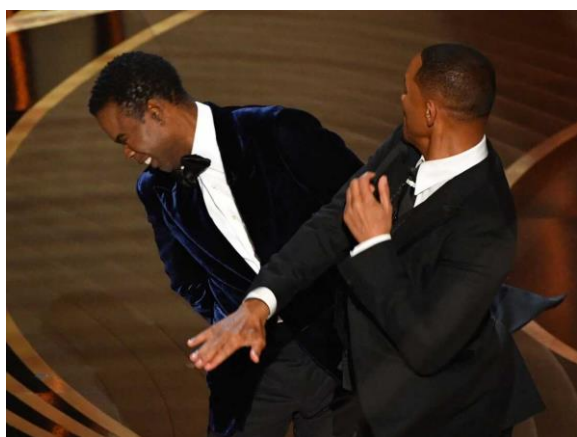
altercation. However, the reaction to the moment continued to boil overnight as after parties raged on and the morning came.

By midday on Monday, [the Academy](#) issued a stronger statement, this time **condemning** Smith's actions and revealing they had started a "formal review around the incident." It added that it "will explore further action and consequences in accordance with our Bylaws, Standards of Conduct and California law." Earlier on Monday, CNN learned that Academy leadership "strongly considered" **removing** Smith from the Oscars telecast after the incident, according to a source close to the situation.

### Academy 'condemns' actions of Will Smith at Oscars, starts 'formal review' of slapping incident

"There were immediate discussions but the Academy decision makers were seated in various spots in the Dolby Theater and couldn't mobilize to make a decision before he won best actor," the source said. At least a dozen members of the Academy met virtually on Monday morning to discuss a response to Smith slapping Rock, according to two sources with knowledge of the meeting.

The meeting was described as "heated" and "divided." There was no agreement on further action,



according to the sources. The dozen members who met on their own volition and are being described as influential and recognizable members of the Academy, including actors and directors. The group does not have any disciplinary power, but they are considered high profile enough that the Board of Governor's for the Academy could be influenced in any response they may have. There are more than 9,000 voting members of the Academy, comprised of Hollywood artists and film

executives.

*CNN's Chloe Melas and Lisa Respers France contributed to this report.*

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

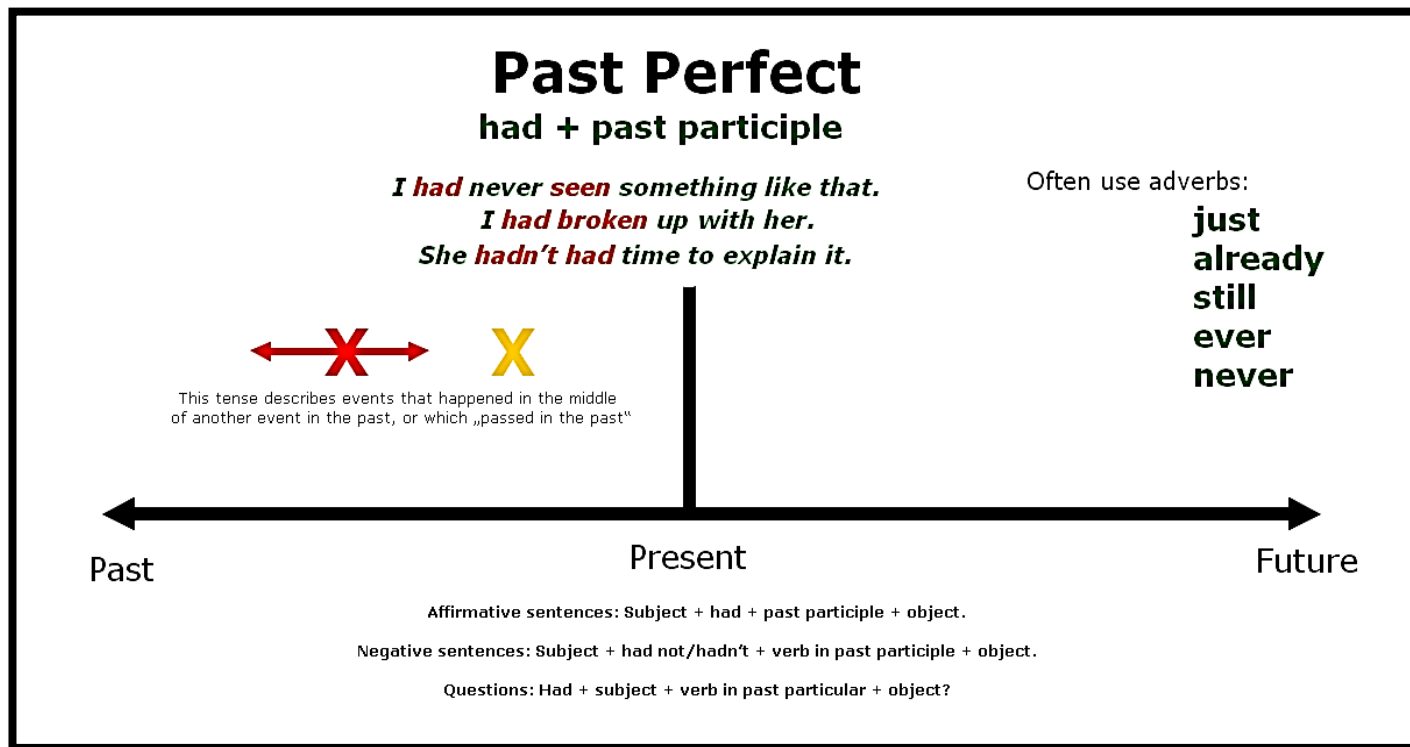
### Interesting Idioms and vocabulary

- Call on = officially ask someone to do something
- At someone's expense = if someone has a joke or enjoys themselves at your expense, they enjoy laughing at you. *My family and friends all had a good laugh at my expense.*
- To be out of the line. = beyond what is reasonable or allowable: not right or appropriate. *Your behavior is out of line. These prices are way out of line.*

# Grammar: Past Perfect Tense

The Past Perfect tense is quite an easy tense to understand and to use. This tense talks about the "past in the past".

In this lesson we look at the **structure** and **use** of the Past Perfect tense, followed by a **quiz** to check your understanding.



The Past Perfect tense expresses action in the **past** *before* another action in the **past**. This is the **past in the past**. For example:

- The train left at 9am. We arrived at 9:15am. When we arrived, the train **had left**.
- I wasn't hungry that evening. I **had** just **eaten**.

**Put the verb into the correct form, past perfect (I had done) or past simple (I did).**

- 1 Paul wasn't at the party when I arrived. He'd gone (He / go) home.
- 2 I felt very tired when I got home, so I went (I / go) straight to bed.
- 3 The house was very quiet when I got home. Everybody had gone (go) to bed.
- 4 Mark travels a lot. When I first met him, he had already traveled (he / already / travel) round the world.
- 5 Sorry I'm late. The car breaks (break) down on my way here.
- 6 We were driving along the road when we saw (we / see) a car which had broken (break) down, so we stopped (we / stop) to help.