

# **Two Historic Apologies**

## **CLB 5/6**

# Speed-Dating Discussion



## Homebodies

- Stay in your seat.
- Have a “guest seat” beside you.



## Travellers

- Move from one “guest seat” to another when the alarm goes off.

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Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- From the perspective of your home culture, do Canadians apologize too much?

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- When should people apologize?

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- When should countries or organizations apologize?

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- In your culture of origin, how do you show that you are really sorry for something?

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- What effects can an apology have?  
Can an apology fix anything?

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- What makes an apology sound **sincere**?



Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- What makes an apology sound **insincere**?

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- What English apology words and phrases do you know?

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

## **Travellers and Homebodies, discuss the following question:**

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident do you feel when apologizing in English?

(0=not at all confident; 10=just as confident as in my first language)

Travellers: Move to a new “guest seat.”

**Travellers and Homebodies,  
discuss the following question:**

- Do you or would you teach your child to apologize? How?

# Sincere and Insincere

## Synonyms of **sincere**:

Truthful, honest, genuine, real, heartfelt, wholehearted, from the heart

- What do you think **insincere** means?  
Brainstorm for synonyms
- How important is sincerity in apologies?



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**Do you have similar words or idioms in your first language?**