**CORRECTION STEP 3 A SILENCE THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES**

**Exercise 1 :** *The two men mentioned in the video were former Olympic athletes/sprinters who took part in in the Mexico Olympics of 1968. Their names are Tommie Smith and John Carlos. In the video we see them being honored in the White House by President Barack Obama in 2016, for their protest nearly 50 years ago to denounce racial inequality in the USA at the time. Their act of protest became significant because it was very controversial. Even though segregation was legally over in 1968, thanks to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, African Americans were still suffering from discrimination. Smith and Carlos were black athletes who represented the USA in the Olympic Games. They won 2 medals for a country in which there were still many inequalities between blacks and whites. That was the reason why they felt the need to speak out against this injustice.*

**Exercise 2**:Colin Kaepernick is an African-American football player who chose to kneel during the American national anthem as a protest against discrimination and police brutality in the USA. His action was significant as it attracted a lot of media attention to a topical issue. At the time there had been several incidents where African Americans were killed by police officers, and the Black Lives Matter movement was growing as a response to this unfair treatment. Kaepernick felt the need to protest in his own way as a well-known athlete, to draw attention to this concern.

**Exercise 3**:**EA**All of them had to suffer from harsh consequences which affected their athletic careers: Smith and Carlos were vilified and expelled from the Olympic village ! Their medals were confiscated/takenaway.   
Kaepernick had to leave his team. No NFL teams wanted to sign him as a result of his protest. His action put an end to his athletic career. “He paid for this protest with his career”.  
Nevertheless, he has supporters who backed him and continue to kneel in order to denounce racial injustice.   
While many people praised these athletes for speaking out, they also attracted criticism from right-wing politicians and media, as well as sections of the American public.

VIDEO 1: **Iconic Olympic Protesters Honored at White House**

***Journalist****: In track, everything comes full circle, though it may take time. Margaret Brennan reports on an extraordinary finish today at the White House.*

***Margaret Brennan****: It was a stand that shocked the world. American sprinters, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, raising their black-gloved fists in protest at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Smith said the moment was overwhelming. When you were raising your fist, what was going through your mind?*

***Tommie Smith****: Get me off of this stand. The national anthem is exactly one minute and thirty seconds long, but it seemed like an hour.*

***M. Brennan****: That protest against racial inequality got them ejected from the Games and banished from the Olympic community for decades.*

***T. Smith****: Yes, we were hated, we were vilified, but I do think because we were hated and vilified, that showed you that there was something that needed changing.*

***Barack Obama****: Welcome to the White House!*

***M. Brennan****: Today, nearly fifty years later, the Olympic medalists were welcomed back into the fold by President Obama.*

***B. Obama****: We are honored to have here the legendary Tommie Smith and John Carlos, here today. (Clapping) Their powerful silent protest in the 1968 Games was controversial, but it woke folks up and created greater opportunity for those that follow.*

***T. Smith****: Well I felt great, I stood up there and just ate it all up.*

***M. Brennan****: Now a new generation of athletes has picked up the baton from Smith, led by NFL quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, who kneels during the national anthem to protest police violence against African Americans. Smith supports activist athletes and said their peaceful actions take courage.*

***T. Smith****: When you do something and you really believe in it, you really don’t think about the cost. You just do it!*

***M. Brennen****: And these silent gestures are meant to speak volumes.*

*Margaret Brennan, CBS News, Washington.*

**Video 2 : Taking a stand by bending a knee: How Colin Kaepernick started a movement**

***Beginning of video****: Extract from the US national anthem…*

***Journalist:*** *Despite leading his team to a Superbowl appearance in 2013, Colin Kaepernick is best known, not for his performance on the field, but rather, this one - on the side-lines. Kneeling during the US national anthem has become Kaepernick’s signature move – a gesture to protest discrimination against minorities in the US.*

***Colin Kaepernick****: We have a lot of people that aren’t treated equally, aren’t given equal opportunities. Uh, you know police brutality is a huge thing.*

***Journalist****: The twenty-nine-year-old quarterback began his protest last year as the number of black men killed by police officers grew, and demonstrators with the #BlackLivesMatter movement rallied in US cities. Other American athletes quickly followed suit, but the public backlash against Kaepernick grew just as swiftly. Last year, a National Football League fan poll found Kaepernick was the most disliked player in the NFL.*

***Heidi Zhou Castro (New York City)****: And that brings us to this moment. Civil rights groups have gathered in front of the NFL quarters in New York City to support Kaepernick. They say the League is now retaliating against him. How? By denying him a job.*

***Wasima Brown*** *(Kaepernick supporter): When you shoot down and kill black people, somebody has to be held accountable for it. And if we stand up and say, “You can’t do that anymore”, then you gonna ostracise us for it? That’s wrong.*

***Journalist****: Kaepernick is no longer on a team. After leaving his fourteen-million-dollar contract with the San Francisco 49ers in March, every NFL team passed on the chance to sign him. Some analysts say it’s simply because his athletic performance has faltered.*

***Donald Trump****: I love to report the news and then they said that I made a mistake, right?.*

***Journalist****: US President, Donald Trump, has also voiced his disapproval.*

***D. Trump:*** *There was an article today, it’s reported, that NFL owners don’t wanna pick him up, because they don’t wanna get a nasty tweet from Donald Trump.*

***Journalist****: But while Kaepernick may be paying for his protest with his career, the trend he began continues without him. This week, Seth DeValve, a player with the Cleveland Browns, became the first white player to kneel during the national anthem.*

*J****ason Webb*** *(Kaepernick supporter): To see so many players unite, that’s what America’s all about. It’s about coming together and standing for something. And it’s for the greater cause.*

***Journalist****: Kaepernick supporters are calling for a boycott of NFL games until a team signs him. But as the clock runs out, the chances are Kaepernick’s protest was probably his final play. Heidi Zhou Castro, Al Jazeera, New York.*