



Above: "Frog in a Punch Bowl" by depositphotos.com and Carol Gray.

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## A Social Articles Strategy

*A special thanks to Carol's Club member, DadW, from beautiful Australia, for his request and our subsequent email exchange that led to the development of this project. DadW is a new Carol's Club member. He joined to ask for*

*help with writing a Social Article for his adult son about apologizing - specifically for an unintentional mistake.*

*I told him that it exists! It's in "The New Social Story Book: Revised and Expanded 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition" (Gray, 2015). It's in the chapter with Social Articles for adults. (Many people are not aware that the book contains two new chapters. One with Stories for very young children and the other a chapter with Social Articles for advanced audiences.)*

*DadW indicated that he does not own the book, so I contacted Future Horizons, the publisher, to ask for permission to distribute, "Apologizing for an Unintentional Mistake" to Carol's Club members. They graciously agreed. Of course, as I reviewed the Article, I couldn't help but make a few revisions.*

*DadW's request also gives me an opportunity to describe one of my favorite Social Article strategies. For years, I have struggled a bit with Social Articles. What happens is that I find myself wanting to give advice - but the Social Stories 10.2 Criteria restrict me to accurate, undebatable information that is free of opinion, preconceived attitudes, or bias. It makes it frustrating for me and other authors who want to share their experiences with person to person insights. In other words, "here's what has worked for me."*

*An easy writing strategy solves the problem. I introduce myself as the author early in the article, identify my topic and intent to share my experiences and advice, and include quantifying statements regarding the limits of the content. This makes it possible to write the Article from a first-person perspective. All of the Social Story Criteria still apply.*

*I hope this strategy and the accompanying sample Article are helpful in your efforts on behalf of people with autism. Thank you for being a part of Carol's Club.*

