SAMPLE SPEECH INTRODUCING A CLASSMATE

RHYMES WITH ORANGE

Paul Madsen’s first memory in life was sitting on his grandmother’s lap and being fed his favorite food—an orange. Surprisingly, there are actually many similarities between Paul and his favorite food.

Much like an orange has tough skin, so does Paul, which is evident by his choice of a major hobby—playing rugby. Paul started playing rugby while he was growing up near London, England. Rugby is described by many as the roughest sport in the world, a fact Paul can attest to since he has broken two ribs, two bones in his foot, and fractured his jaw while playing the sport. But rugby’s brutal nature hasn’t stopped Paul from pursuing the sport to its highest level, including leading his local team to the European championship game for its age group.

But like an orange, Paul’s tough skin can be misleading. Just as an orange has a softer inside, so does Paul. He is both a caring person and a humanitarian. He has done lots of charity work throughout his life, and this past summer he went to Namibia in Southern Africa and helped build schools so the local children could have a chance to be educated. Paul also helped teach some of the children English and distributed basic health products that the children had been lacking. Paul views it as an obligation to give back to those less fortunate than him because he has been so blessed in life—especially by his loving family, which includes his mother, father, and three younger brothers.

Like an orange about to be picked from the tree, Paul has absolutely no idea where he will end up. After growing up in England, he’s spending his first full year away from his homeland and is just starting to adjust to American culture. So far he’s enjoying his new home immensely and is very much looking forward to furthering his education here at the university. As for a profession, Paul is not sure yet what he wants to do. He thinks he would like to have a job doing some sort of charity-related work, or he might want to coach rugby back in England.

But no matter where life takes him, one thing is for sure—Paul will eat lots of oranges along the way.