



Foundation

Activity Challenge

WEEK 8



TALK A GOOD GAME CHALLENGE

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Your school is holding a special assembly on the positive impact of football players and the social, economic, cultural and political benefits of football within society.

You have been asked to present a speech at the assembly about the life and achievements of a football player who inspires you. Choose a male or female footballer of your choice from any club and research their life, footballing career and achievements.

Fill in the following pages and write a speech about your player to be presented at the assembly.

1. My favourite player

Draw your favourite player here:

Fill in the following information:

Name:

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Date of birth:

Nationality:

Current football club :

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Position they play:

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Why did you choose your football player?

Think about why you have chosen your player and why they inspire you.

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2. Research your player

Now it's time to research your player. You can do this via a number of resources such as the Internet (the football club's website will have player information), books, matchday programmes or the player may have their own website. You could also ask your friends and family what they know or think about them.

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List bullet points of your findings in the box below.

What do you know about the player's early life?

Think about where they grew up, did they join an academy, what clubs did they play for when they were younger?

Can you list your player's career highlights and achievements?

This could be the number of titles they've won, goals scored or awards received.

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How does your player make a difference to the lives of other people?

This may be through community or charity work, or just inspiring young footballers like yourself.

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Write down any other interesting facts about your footballer.

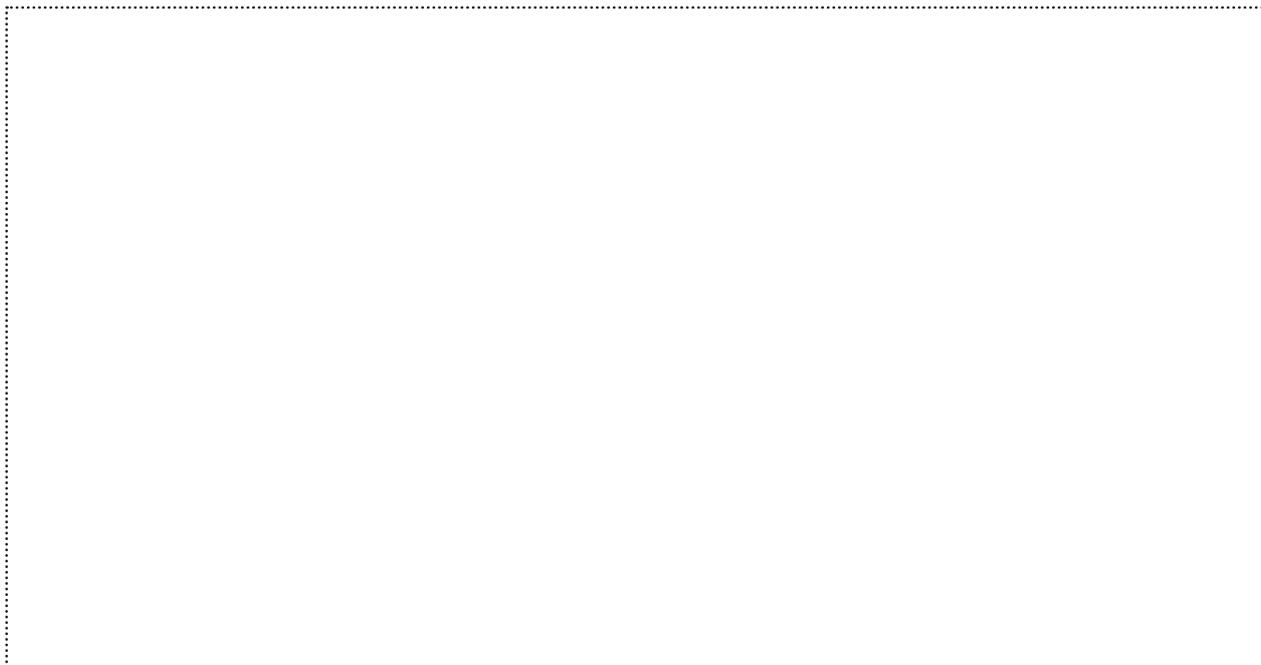
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3. Plan your speech

Now you've researched your footballer, use the format below to help structure your speech. You could even write them on note cards and practise in front of your family!

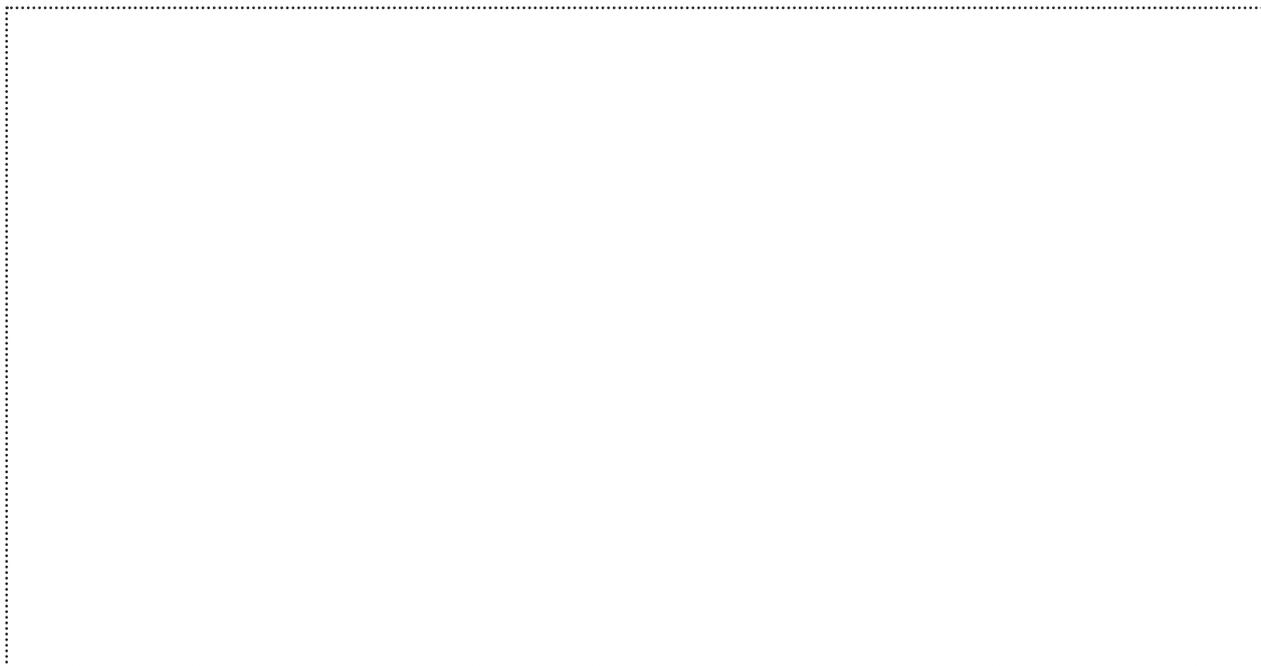
Introduction

Introduce your player, who they play for, what position they play and describe their early life.



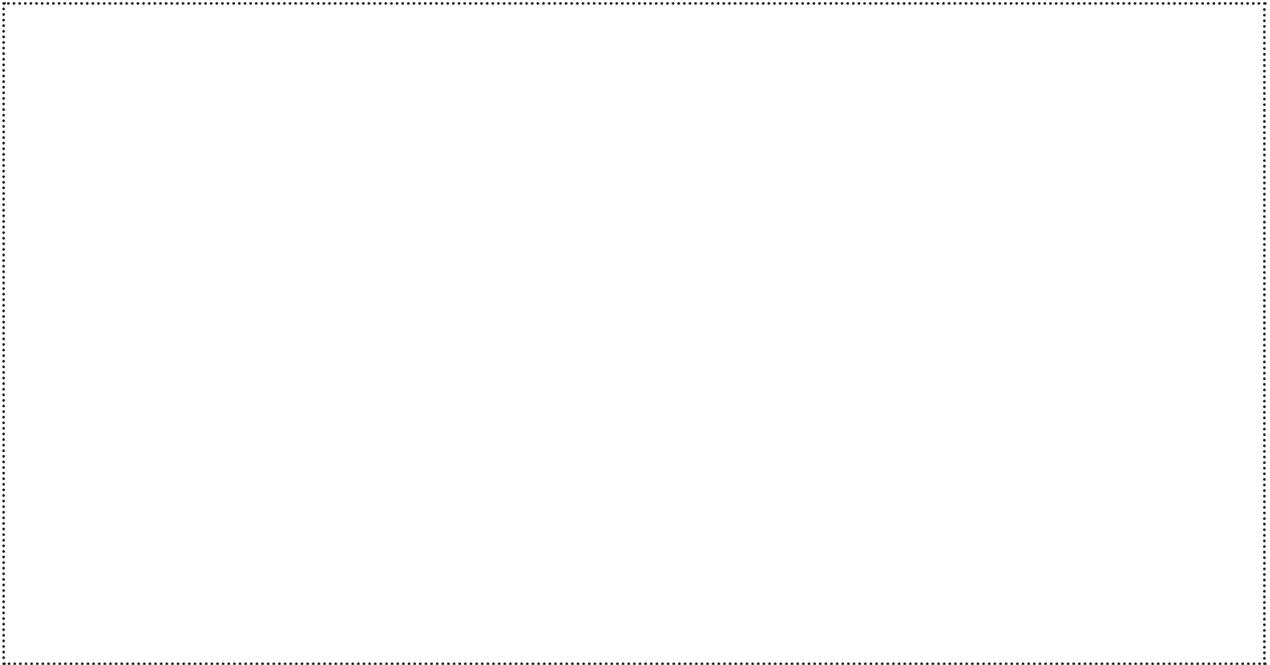
Achievements

Describe your player's achievements and journey to their current club? Have they faced any obstacles along the way?



Conclusion

Summarise the life and achievements of your player.
Explain why they are an inspiration to others and to you.



You are now ready to present your speech!

Why not encourage your friends to write speeches about their favourite players, too, and ask your teacher when you go back to school if you can present to the class?

Good luck!