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## **Exercise: Paul Hogan Character Sketch**

The following exercise was created by Professor Basil Moore from UniSA. It focuses on an assessment assignment and a submission from a student.

### **Assignment**

#### **Year 10 English**

**Monday: October 22, 2001**

Write a 500 word character sketch of a famous Australian.

You have to select a well known Australian character and then conduct research about them. You will also need to investigate the design of character sketches and reproduce your report using a format that you have found in your investigation.

Use your classmates as critics before you submit your assignment.

Your assignment is due by first lesson Thursday October 25, 2002.

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# Character Sketch

Name: Paul Hogan  
Age: About 60  
Place of Birth: Australia  
Occupation: Entertainer and Actor

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Paul Hogan is a very significant person in Australia. The major role he has taken on is to sell Australia to Australians, to Poms and to Americans. He sees himself as a kind of Mr Australia.

Before he became a television star he was a construction worker. This seems to have given him his ideas of what a real Aussie is like.

He is obsessed with the idea that a real Aussie is a rough, tough out-door type who dresses and speaks badly and is a bit of a racist and a sexist. But the real Aussie thinks that Australia is a beaut place.

He uses this trivial crap to make his humour. Mostly he tries to make us laugh sort of sympathetically with this down-to-earth and rough-as bags-Australian. He also tries to make us laugh at people who are not like him. This side of his humour is quite cruel. He creates a world of fools who are those people who are not like the raw but likeable bum his is.

I think he is funny but arrogant.

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