

languagecaster football vocabulary list

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to draw – to be chosen to play against.

*e.g. Macclesfield **were drawn** to play against Chelsea in the FA Cup.*

they didn't turn up – the team did not play well at all

*e.g. Tottenham **did not turn up** against Arsenal last week.*

crowd trouble – supporters were fighting

*e.g. There has been an increase in **crowd trouble** in France recently*

on paper – the players on one team seem to be stronger than the other one

*e.g. **On paper** Barcelona look stronger, they have Ronaldinho, Giuly and Xavi.*

coasting – to play in a relaxed manner because you are winning easily

*e.g. Barcelona **were coasting** against Bremen in last week's game.*

lack of cover on the bench – not have too many good players in reserve

*e.g. Manchester United's **lack of cover on the bench** allowed Chelsea to equalize.*

catch them on the break – to counter attack an opposing team (defend for a long time then attack quickly)

*e.g. Newcastle **caught Blackburn on the break** three times last weekend.*

thrashed – to defeat a team easily

*e.g. Tottenham **thrashed** Charlton 5-1 on Saturday.*

to be on fire – to be playing really well

e.g. Roma were on fire recently. (a pun)

Cliché

The title race is a marathon not a sprint

– to win the Championship the team has to play well all season not just at the start.