

languagecaster football vocabulary list

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title race – the competition between the top teams in the division.

*e.g. This season **the title race** looks like it will be between Chelsea and Man. Utd.*

back into form – the team is playing better

*e.g. after losing at Reading I hope Spurs **come back into form** next weekend.*

standing ovation – when supporters stand up and applaud a good performance

*e.g. Ronaldo received a **standing ovation** from the Blackburn fans*

to get the sack – to lose your job, be fired, be kicked out

*e.g. Iain Dowie was the first Premier League manager to **get the sack**.*

bounce back – to come back quickly

*e.g. Iain Dowie's catchphrase was '**bouncebackability**'.*

on the road – playing away from home (travelling)

*e.g. Liverpool have not played well **on the road** this season.*

trounced – to beat a team easily.

*e.g. Manchester United **trounced** Fulham 5-1 earlier this season.*

swallow humble pie – should admit that mistakes have been made

*e.g. Benitez should **swallow humble pie** and drop Reina*

should be a cracker – the game will be very exciting (firework)

e.g. Manchester City and Fulham should be a cracker (possibly being ironic!)

Pun of the Week

Liverpool's two wide men

A wide boy is someone who has been or may be in trouble with the police. Both Craig Bellamy and Jermaine Pennant have been arrested in recent times. Their position is also on the wing – wide.