

languagecaster football vocabulary list

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on the road - to play away from home

e.g. Liverpool do not play as well on the road as they do at home.

Boxing Day - 26th December

e.g. There are always large crowds at the games on Boxing Day.

parking the bus - playing very defensively, not emerging from your own half.

e.g. Jose Mourinho was the first manager to use this phrase when he said that Spurs had parked the bus against Chelsea.

draws to a close - comes to an end

e.g. 2006 is drawing to a close with two teams fighting for the title.

underdogs - not expected to win, to have little chance of winning

e.g. West Ham were underdogs against Liverpool in last year's FA Cup Final.

stunning - unbelievably good, amazing

e.g. Gerrard scored a stunning equaliser against West Ham in that final.

chaos - a complete mess, not organised at all

e.g. Italian football was thrown into chaos with the scandal over referees.

bungs - money given to managers or players to help a transfer take place.

e.g. Officially no Premiership managers have been accused of taking a bung yet.

stripped of the title - have the title taken away

e.g. Juventus were stripped of the Italian League title last season.

made their debuts - played / appeared for the first time

e.g. Togo made their World Cup debut in Germany in 2006.

ran out of steam - started well but slowly got worse, lost energy.

e.g. Argentina ran out of steam in the Germany World Cup.

bottle - to not be brave enough

e.g. England did not show enough bottle against Portugal.

sneak it - to just about win the game

e.g. I think Spurs will sneak it over Liverpool this weekend.