

English for football – week 13

To be booked

This week's English for football is '**to be booked**'.

'**To be booked**' means to receive a yellow card from the referee. Of course if you have two yellow cards, or a second **booking**, you are given a red card and are sent off the pitch. You can be booked for all sorts of things: for example, a dangerous tackle, kicking the ball away when the opposing team has been awarded a free-kick, dissent (this means arguing with the referee), or using foul language (swearing, using bad words).

We use the phrase because the referee writes the player's name in his book when he gives a card.

Example

Beckham **booked** in Madrid victory

Beckham was on the bench for the second successive match
Substitute David Beckham **was booked** for diving in Real Madrid's 1-0 win over Real Betis on Saturday - as his side moved to the top of the Primera Liga.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/football/europe/5375240.stm>