

languagecaster football vocabulary list

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to be in full swing - to be running again.
e.g. The Champions League is in **full swing** again.

to field a weakened side – to not play the strongest team (to rest players).
e.g. Both Manchester United and Reading **fielded weakened sides** in the FA Cup.

(vital) away goals – (important) goals scored away from home – they count double in case of a draw.
e.g. Liverpool scored two **vital away goals** in Barcelona..

loan deal – when a team rents a player from another team for a short time.
e.g. Larsson has decided to end his **loan deal** at Manchester United.

the holders – the team that are the current champions.
e.g. Barcelona are **the holders** of the Champions League.

to have your work cut out – to be extremely difficult
e.g. Teams playing Tottenham **have their work cut out** to beat them.

flair – skill, imagination
e.g. Italian teams lack **flair** to win the title.

to have a good draw – to have an easier game than other teams.
e.g. Chelsea **have a good draw** in this year's competition.

dark horses – a team that may cause a surprise by winning the title.
e.g. Lyon may be the **dark horses** in this season's competition.

to close the gap – to get closer to the team above.
e.g. Valencia **closed the gap** on Barcelona last week.

to play a replay – to play another game after a drawn match in the cup..
e.g. Reading play Manchester United in an FA Cup match this week.

to have no love lost – to not like each other.
e.g. There is **no love lost** between Mourinho and Wenger.

at the foot of the league – near the bottom of the table.
e.g. West Ham and Charlton are both **at the foot of the Premier League**.