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Household name

This week's English For Football phrase is the expression household name, which simply means very well known. In football when we talk about household names we mean very famous players, players that are well known by people who may not have any interest in football, for example David Beckham is a household name. Most successful teams have one or two household names in their side, Christiano Ronaldo, Raul, Lionel Messi and Steven Gerrard but sometimes a team does well with a group of players that are not well known at all, so for instance there are no household names in the MLS Cup winning Columbus Crew team, nor in Bundesliga-topping Hoffenheim or Hull City in the Premier league. Household names.