

English for Football – week 9

To rule out

This week's English for football is **to rule out - to rule something out**. This phrase means to eliminate, not choose, or exclude. It is used in football in a variety of situations. For example, the England defender John Terry has an injury that may **rule him out of** the game against Kazakhstan. His injury is bad, therefore he may not play. Michael Owen was not chosen for England's team this weekend, but **that doesn't rule him out** from appearing in the future. He may be chosen next time. Recently there has been talk about Liverpool and Everton sharing a ground, but most people **rule this idea out**. They don't think it will happen. But with the current economic situation **we can't rule out** some clubs having major financial problems. **To rule out**.