

English for Football – week 1

To tap up

The season's first English for football phrase is **to tap up**. This phrase is used mostly with football but sometimes in business. It means to illegally, or secretly, approach another team's player, and try to persuade them to join your club. Earlier in the show, Damian was talking about the long transfer stories of the summer. One of those stories involves the Tottenham player, Berbatov. Tottenham have accused Manchester United of **tapping up** their player. They think Manchester United didn't follow the rules about buying a player and met Berbatov secretly. **To tap up.**