

English for Football – week 15

To shoulder

This week's English For Football is **to shoulder**. **To shoulder** is a verb used to indicate that something difficult is being done. It is often followed by blame, **to shoulder the blame**, or responsibility, **to shoulder the responsibility**. To shoulder something originally meant to carry something, usually heavy, on your shoulders - like a heavy bag. So, to **shoulder the blame** means you say it was your fault that something bad happened. And, **to shoulder the responsibility** means to lead in a difficult situation. This week's friendly games saw John Terry **shoulder the blame** for Germany's equalising goal in their friendly with England. He said it was his fault, not the goalkeeper's. **To shoulder the blame.**