

English for Football – week 23

Potential banana skin

This week's English for football is the expression **banana skin** which is often preceded by the word **potential**, so **potential banana skin**. This means there is a chance of slipping up, falling or making a mistake and it is used in football when a bigger club is worried about playing a smaller club, usually in a cup competition. So when a team is not playing very well and is drawn away against a side from a lower league then there is a chance of an upset, that the bigger team will slip up, that is, they face a **potential banana skin** of a game. Portsmouth manager Tony Adams saw his side's visit to Bristol City in the FA Cup as a **potential banana skin** game, while many saw Chelsea's trip to League 1 Southend as another **potential banana skin** match. Luckily for both of these teams they avoided any shocks or slip ups this time. **Potential banana skin.**