

English for Football – week 28

Write off

This week's English for football is **write off**. The phrase is used in the accounting or business world and means to reduce the value of something – usually to nothing. In football it is used to describe something or someone that is not performing well as well as people had expected. So, this season has been **a write-off** for Tottenham – nothing like the one Spurs' fans had hoped for. The phrase can also mean to dismiss or not take seriously. So, **to write off** another team's chances means you do not fear them at all. Many experts had **written off** Chelsea's chances of winning anything this season but now they have Guus Hiddink in charge only a fool would **write them off**.

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