

English for Football – week 41

To clinch

This week's English for Football expression is the phrase **to clinch** which means to grab or in football to win, to attain. We use this expression when talking about winning prizes, awards, competitions and cups. So, as we approach the end of the season in Europe, we can see that teams like Barcelona, Manchester United and Inter Milan have all **clinched** their respective titles. Last week, Steven Gerrard **clinched** the Player of the Year Award, while next week Burnley are hoping **to clinch** promotion to the Premier League in next week's play-off against Sheffield United. **To clinch.**