

# SOCCER EXPRESSIONS

## ■ MAN ON!

This is usually shouted out during a match to warn someone that a player of the other team is right behind them. Often a call to pass the ball.

"Quick! Man on! Pass the ball to Jones!"

## ■ WE WERE ROBBED

A phrase used to express that a defeat was unjust, possibly due to an injustice committed by somebody else.

"The referee didn't see that foul. If he'd given that player a yellow card he wouldn't have scored that goal. We were robbed!"

## ■ HE/SHE'S GOT A SWEET LEFT FOOT

Referring to a player who is very skillful at kicking the ball with his / her left foot (most players use the right foot)

"She's one of the best players on the team, and she's got a sweet left foot."

## ■ HE/SHE'S GOT A LOT OF PACE

A very fast player

"Jones is definitely a great player, he's got a lot of pace."

## ■ HIT THE WOODWORK

When a player intends to shoot into the goal but hits the crossbar or the post of the goal instead, and was very unlucky not to have scored.

"He almost had it, but unfortunately it hit the woodwork."

## ■ IT'S A GAME OF TWO HALVES

An expression referring to the fact that a football match can change unexpectedly throughout the 90 minutes. Especially between the first half and second half of the match.

"Well, they may be losing now, but it's a game of two halves! "

## ■ HE/SHE PULLED OFF A GREAT SAVE / WHAT A SAVE!

Referring to a very quick, acrobatic stop of a shot by the goalkeeper.

"What a save by the goalie. That was fantastic!"



# SOCCER VOCABULARY

**MATCH:** Two teams playing against each other in a game.

**PITCH:** The area of a field where footballers play a match.

**GOALPOSTS:** Markers used to determine where it would count as a goal.

**A DRAW/  
A TIE:** An even score at the conclusion of a game or match

**KICK-OFF:** The first kick of the game when two players from the same team in the center circle play the ball and start the game.

**TO SHOOT:** To kick the ball towards the net in an attempt to score a goal.

**A THROW IN:** A throw is taken from the sideline after the ball has gone out of play.

**GOAL:** A successful attempt at scoring achieved at the instance of sending the ball into the goal of the opposing team.

**A HEADER:** A shot that occurs when a player touches and guides the ball with his or her head.

**FOUL:** An unfair or invalid action, especially one involving interference with an opponent. A violation of the rules.

**OWN GOAL:** A goal scored accidentally by a member of the defending team that counts in favor of the attacking team.

**A HAT-TRICK:** When one player scores three goals in one game.

**GOALKEEPER/  
GOALIE:** A player whose special role is to stop the ball from entering the goal.

**STRIKER/  
ATTACKER/  
FORWARD:** A player who is considered in terms of ability to strike the ball into the goal area.

**MIDFIELDER:** A player who is positioned to play in the middle part of the playing field / pitch.

**DEFENDER:** A player whose task it is to protect their own side's goal, and prevent the other team from scoring.

**SUBSTITUTE:** A sports player nominated as eligible to replace another after a match has begun.

**REFEREE:** An official who watches a match closely to ensure the rules are adhered to, and to arbitrate on matters that may arise during a game.



# Root for the players! 選手たちを応援しよう!

## 観戦中に使えるフレーズ

**Let's Go OO!!**  
OO がんばれー!

**You can do it!**  
あなたならできるよ!

**Hang in there!**  
くじけるな! ふんばれ!

**Keep it going!**  
その調子!

**Show them what you've got!**  
あなたのすごさを見せてやれ!

**Did you see that?**  
今の見た?

**That was amazing!**  
素晴らしい!

**What a great game!**  
なんていい試合なんだ!

**She/He did it!**  
やったぞ!

**Keep up the good work!**  
その調子で頑張って!

**Keep at it!**  
根気よく頑張って!

**Take it easy!**  
慌てないで。

## 悔しがるとき

**That was close.**  
惜しかったなー!

**She/He almost got it!**  
もう少しだったのに!

## 励ますとき

**Better luck next time!**  
次はうまくいくよ!

## 試合に行くときに

**Wish me luck!**  
応援してね!

## 試合に行く選手に

**Good luck on your match!**  
試合頑張ってるね!

**Give it all you've got!**  
全力で頑張ってる!

## 状況がわからないとき

**What's going on? / What happened?**  
何が起きているんだ? / 何が起こったの?

**What did I miss?**  
(私がない間に) 何があったの?

