

## English for football – week 9

### Relegation zone

Today's English for football is – **relegation zone**

To be **relegated** means to drop down a division. At the moment, Watford are at the bottom of the Premier League and they look like they will drop down to the Championship (the old Second Division). **Relegation zone** is a phrase we use to describe the bottom group of teams who are in danger of being **relegated**. In the Premier League at the moment Middlesboro and Sheffield United are just above the **relegation zone** and have a big game this week.

The **relegation zone**

Examples:

#### **Hammers back in relegation zone**

David Cotterill's first Barclays Premiership goal, in the week of his 19th birthday, set Wigan up for a 2-0 victory at Upton Park which leaves West Ham firmly in the mire. (AP 2006  
<http://sport.excite.co.uk/news/football/22675>)