

English for football – week 10

Underdog / Giant killing

Two expressions closely connected with the FA Cup

Now this week's English for football focuses on two expressions that are connected to the FA Cup. Now, **underdog** is the name we use to describe the weaker of the two teams that are playing in a game. This team has less chance than the favourite so for example next weekend's cup match between Chelsea from the Premier League and Macclesfield from the Second Division, Chelsea are the clear favourites and Macclesfield are the **underdogs**.

Now if Macclesfield were to beat Chelsea this would be seen as an example of **giant killing** and **giant killing** is the second of our words this week. Now this word **giant killing** comes from the Bible story of David and Goliath. Now David defeated Goliath who was a giant much bigger more powerful opponent but David defeated him so David was a **giant killer**. So, when a team, a smaller team, defeats a much more powerful or bigger team we call this **giant killing**.