

## languagecaster football vocabulary list

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**reigning champions:** to be the current champions, to hold the title  
e.g. Italy are the **reigning World Cup champions**

**as it stands:** the current situation  
e.g. **As it stands**, Barcelona remain one point clear of Sevilla in La Liga.

**soft spot:** to favour or like something or someone  
e.g. Damon has a **soft spot** for the Chivas team in the MLS.

**nail biting:** extremely tense, so nervous that you are biting your nails!  
e.g. Last season's FA Cup final was a **nail-biting** affair.

**(to be) flying:** to be doing very well  
e.g. Derby County **are flying** at the moment in the Championship.

**stewardship:** leadership  
e.g. Under Billy Davies' **stewardship** Derby have improved greatly.

**mouth-watering ties:** matches that you really look forward to watching  
e.g. Damon complains that there are no **mouth-watering ties** in the 4th round of the Cup.

**turning point:** a moment during the season when a team's destiny may change.  
e.g. Maybe losing to Arsenal was a **turning point** in Liverpool's season.

**to be up for (it):** to really want to do well  
e.g. I hope that Spurs **will be up for it** against Arsenal in the League Cup semi-final.