**FOOTBALL EXPRESSIONS**

**Back of the net!** *You should’ve seen it, it was such a great goal.****Back of the net!***

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

**We were robbed:**  *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’s (she’s) got a sweet left foot:***She’s one of the best players on the team, and she’s****got a sweet left foot.***

**He (she) pulled off a great save, what a save!  *What a save****by the goalie. That was fantastic!*

**Hit the woodwork:** *He almost had it, but unfortunately****it hit the woodwork****.*

**Ran the defence ragged:** *He deserves to be Man of the Match. He scored a hat-trick and****ran the defence ragged!***

**He (she’s) got a lot of pace:** *Jones is definitely a great player, he’s****got a lot of pace****.*

**The goalkeeper made a howler:** *They were in the lead, but then****the goalkeeper******made a howler****and the other team scored.*

**It’s a game of two halves:** *Well, they may be losing now, but****it’s a game of two halves****!*

**FOOTBALL-RELATED IDIOMS**

Idioms are different from the above expressions because they can be used in conversation about any topic and not just football.

**Get the ball rolling:***We need to have everything ready for the party by next week, so if you could please****get the ball rolling****by inviting everyone, that would be really helpful.*

**Get a kick out of something:***If you****get a kick out of****horror movies, then you’ll love the new Quentin Tarantino film!*

**To watch from the sidelines:***You never supported me when I needed you. You just****watched from the sidelines****!*

**To move the goalposts:** *Jessica quit her job because her boss kept****moving the goalposts****about her promotion prospects.*

**To be on the ball:** *What’s wrong with you? You used to****be on the ball****with your work all the time*.

**To kick someone around:** *I don’t think it’s fair the way you****kick him around****all the time. He deserves some respect.*

**To take sides:** *I’m not****taking sides****. I think you’re both wrong, so I’m not getting involved!*

**To blow the whistle on someone:** *She was offered a lot of money as a bribe, because she threatened****to blow the whistle*** *on the company’s illegal activities.*

**Know the score:***I don’t need to explain anything else to my boss,****he knows the score****.*

**A game changer:** *The new software had become known as the new****‘game-changing’****entertainment experience.*