Unit 6 — English for Football

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Coach

The person who trains and leads the team.

"The coach gave advice during half-time."

Corner kick

A kick from the corner after the ball goes out.

"She took the corner kick."

Defender

A player who helps stop the other team from scoring.

"The defender blocked the shot."

Dribble

To move the ball by kicking it while running.

"She dribbled past two defenders."

Foul

An action that breaks the rules.

"He got a foul for pushing."

Goal

When the ball goes into the net and scores a point.

"He kicked the ball and made a goal."

Goalkeeper

The player who guards the goal and can use their hands.

"The goalkeeper stopped the ball from going in."

Halftime

A short break in the middle of the match.

"We talked at halftime about how to regain the lead and win the match."

Kick-off

The first kick that starts the match.

"The match began with a kick-off."

Midfielder

A player who helps both in attack and defense.

"Caicedo is the best midfielder of all time."

Offside

A rule that stops players from being too close to the goal without the ball.

"The striker was offside."

Pass

To move the ball to another player.

"She passed the ball to her teammate."

Penalty

A free kick given after a foul in the penalty area.

"The referee gave a penalty after the foul."

Referee

The person who makes sure players follow the rules.

"The referee blew the whistle."

Shoot

To kick the ball toward the goal to try to score.

"He shot the ball into the top corner."

Striker

The player who tries to score goals.

"The striker scored the winning goal."

Substitute

A player who replaces another during the game.

"They made a substitute in the second half."

Team

A group of players who work together to win.

"Our team played very well."

Whistle

A tool the referee uses to stop or start the game.

"The whistle blew for half-time."

Win

To score more goals than the other team.

"They won the game 2–1."