

# Football Verb / Noun Collocations in English

Complete the collocation in each phrase,  
then match **ten** phrases to each box below:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. advise the m_ on t_    | 11. commit a f_       | 21. organise m_        | 31. sign a n_ p_         |
| 2. appoint a n_ m_        | 12. complain about e_ | 22. pass the b_        | 32. sing f_ c_           |
| 3. attend m_              | 13. confer with o_ o_ | 23. penalise a p_      | 33. sprint a h_ m_       |
| 4. award a <b>penalty</b> | 14. defend your a_    | 24. preside over a g_  | 34. support their t_     |
| 5. blow a w_              | 15. enforce the r_    | 25. run the f_ c_      | 35. tackle an o_         |
| 6. bring out a n_ t_ s_   | 16. examine the V_ f_ | 26. save a g_          | 36. take a p_            |
| 7. buy a s_ t_            | 17. fire a m_         | 27. score a g_         | 37. talk to the m_       |
| 8. cause t_ with r_ f_    | 18. kick the b_       | 28. sell t_ and m_     | 38. toss a c_            |
| 9. check m_ r_            | 19. loan out a p_     | 29. send off a p_      | 39. warm up before g_ o_ |
| 10. cheer on the p_       | 20. maintain the g_   | 30. show a y_ or r_ c_ | 40. watch a m_ on T_     |

**Players:**

**Referees:**

4. award a **penalty**

**Supporters:**

**Clubs:**



## Test Your Vocabulary Skills

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Answers:

### Players:

- 11. commit a **foul**
- 14. defend your **area**
- 18. kick the **ball**
- 22. pass the **ball**
- 26. save a **goal**
- 27. score a **goal**
- 33. sprint a **hundred metres**
- 35. tackle an **opponent**
- 36. take a **penalty**
- 39. warm up before **going on**

### Referees:

- 4. award a **penalty**
- 5. blow a **whistle**
- 13. confer with **other officials**
- 15. enforce the **rules**
- 16. examine the **VAR footage**
- 23. penalise a **player**
- 24. preside over a **game**
- 29. send off a **player**
- 30. show a **yellow** or **red card**
- 38. toss a **coin**

### Supporters:

- 1. advise the **manager** on **tactics**
- 3. attend **matches**
- 7. buy a **season ticket**
- 8. cause **trouble** with **rival fans**
- 9. check **match results**
- 10. cheer on the **players**
- 12. complain about **everything**
- 32. sing **football chants**
- 34. support their **team**
- 40. watch a **match** on **TV**

### Clubs:

- 2. appoint a **new manager**
- 6. bring out a **new team strip**
- 17. fire a **manager**
- 19. loan out a **player**
- 20. maintain the **ground**
- 21. organise **matches**
- 25. run the **football club**
- 28. sell **tickets** and **merchandise**
- 31. sign a **new player**
- 37. talk to the **media**