

Talk a Lot

Football

20 Common English Idioms

1. the Beautiful Game	football	2. it's a funny old game	unpredictable things can happen
3. to be a game of two halves	more can happen later	4. a potential banana skin	an opportunity for sth to go wrong
5. to be honest	in my opinion	6. to play the ball, not the man	don't make contact with another player
7. to be over the moon	to feel very happy	8. to be (as) sick as a parrot	to feel very disappointed
9. to be on a winning streak	to win several times in a row	10. at the end of the day	ultimately
11. to go down to the wire	the outcome is decided at the last moment	12. to be a big ask	to be a difficult thing to ask sby to do
13. to be held to a draw	to be forced to end a competition with equal points	14. by the skin of your teeth	narrowly; only just
15. to be a [two] horse race	to be a competition between two teams or groups only	16. to play your heart out	to compete with a lot of passion
17. to give 110%	to try as hard as you possibly can	18. to be strong on paper	to be a good idea in theory
19. to throw in the towel	to quit	20. back of the net!	fantastic!