



Soccer Vocab & Descriptors

Verbs:

Boot, punt, clear, pass, flick, flip, float, skip, switch, fly, loft, head, nod, tap, touch.

One-touch, pinballed, kick around, slides, feeds, chips.

Dispossessed.

Smashes, darts.

Slips, poke, hammers, crushed, fires, rifles, dances, blasts.

Goalkeeper save: Off the glove, tips, punches, dives, leaps, flying.

"Looking for an angle to cross" is a phrase I like to use when the ball is tied up in the corners.

Always love to use "upper 90" for a goal in the top corner

Locations:

Center circle, midfield, 18-yard box, six-yard box, penalty spot/circle/dot, near/far post, crossbar, distance/angle to goal.

Technical box/area (limits how far coaches can roam)

Soccer-specific terms & notes:

Offside (no 's'), pitch, stuck in.



Also weight of the pass. A touch can be too heavy. Uniforms are kits. There's a difference between a card and a foul.

On corners: inswinging (ball swings toward the goal) or outswinging (ball swings toward the top of the box).

Through-ball: Ball played "through" (or past) a defender for a teammate on a run. Overlap: Often a D making a run past the MF up the wings.

Overlap - Underlap. Useful when the outside backs (defenders) jump into the attack. "Weighted pass" describes how much juice on a thru-ball

Cross: Ball played across from the wing to the middle, usually in the air. 50/50 ball: Self-explanatory, usually on clearances to midfield

For soccer PBP on radio, describe corner kick location from the goalie's perspective. Ex: taken to the left of Jones in net.

Goalkeeper positioning: on or off the line, "turn" is the equivalent of a juke, "dummy" for when a player fakes a pass reception, etc

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