

The Weekend - Soccer (C0067)

A: Welcome back, soccer fans. My name is Rick Fields and, as always, I am joined by my commenting wingman, Bob Copeland.

B: And we're on the brink of soccer history today, as Ecuador and Brazil are tied one-one as we begin the second half of the 2022 World Cup!

A: The ref calls the players for the kick off, and here we go! Ecuador quickly passes the ball to the mid-field, but, ohhh, it's out of bounds.

B: That will be a throw in for Brazil. Adriano has the ball and makes a long pass to Robinho, and the ref has called him offside.

A: No question about it. He was offside by a mile! We have a goal kick for Ecuador. Edison Mendez heads it to Valenica, he shoots! Deflected by the defender and we have a corner kick.

B: Delgado takes the corner. We have a foul! Oh no, Dida, the goalkeeper, has fouled the Ecuadorian player! He gets a yellow card and that will be a penalty kick!

A: This is the perfect opportunity for Ecuador to get ahead in this match and become World Champions! He gets ready for the kick. He shoots! and he...

Key Vocabulary

wingman	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a person who provides help, support, or protection
on the brink	<i>phrase</i>	at a critical point
tied	<i>Adjective</i>	having the same score
kick off	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the first movement or kick of the ball to begin the game

throw in	<i>common noun, singular</i>	action of throwing the ball onto the field with your hands to restart the game
no question about it	<i>phrase</i>	there is no doubt, it is correct
by a mile	<i>phrase</i>	a lot
foul	<i>common noun, singular</i>	illegal action committed against a player
penalty kick	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a kick against only the goalkeeper as a reward for a foul
goal kick	<i>common noun, singular</i>	when the goalie kicks the ball to re-start play
corner kick	<i>common noun, singular</i>	when a player kicks the ball from a corner after a penalty
out of bounds	<i>phrase</i>	outside the area that is allowed for play

offside

Adjective

a position on the opponent's part of the field where you are not allowed to be

Supplementary Vocabulary

goalkeeper

*common
noun, singular*

person who prevents the ball from going into the net (BrE)

defender

*common
noun, singular*

person who prevents the other team from getting near the net

match

*common
noun, singular*

game (BrE) match

pitch

*common
noun, singular*

soccer field (BrE) pitch

championship

*common
noun, singular*

final game in a series that determines the overall winner