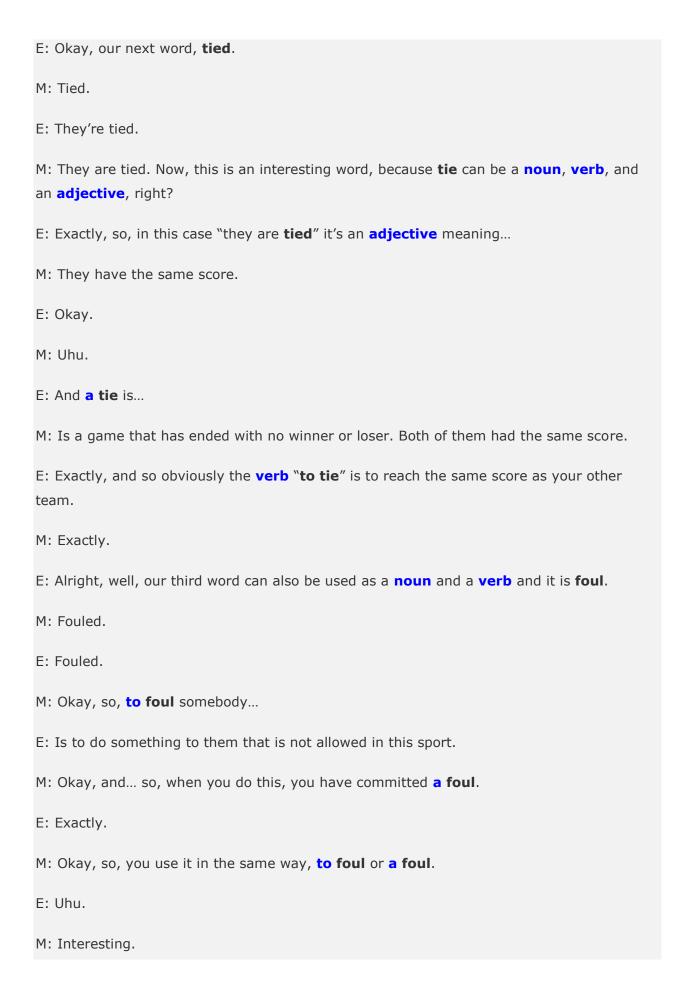
M: Hello English learners! Welcome back to **EnglishPod**! My name is **Marco**. E: And I'm Erica. M: And today we're bringing you another great lesson about sports, part of our **sports** series. E: That's right and in this lesson we are talking about maybe the world's most favorite sport. M: Right, one of the most popular sports in the world, **soccer**. E: Uhu. M: Or also known as **football** in other countries. E: Yes. M: Okay, so, before we get started with this great lesson, let's take a look at some of the words we'll find in the dialogue in "vocabulary preview". Voice: Vocabulary preview. E: We're going to look at three words here. The first word is **wingman**. M: Wingman. E: A wingman. M: Now, wingman isn't really related to soccer in any way. E: Okay. M: But it's a way of referring to somebody as your "right hand". E: So, your helper. M: Your helper, your... your number one guy. E: Okay. M: Right? E: So, a wingman is someone, who helps you a lot. M: Aha, exactly.



E: Well, we're going to hear these three words in context now. So, why don't we listen to our soccer dialogue?

DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME

M: Okay, so, Ecuador tied with Brazil in the **Two Thousand Twenty Two World Cup**.

E: Wow, Marco, I'm really happy to see that you are, ah... able to see so far in to the future.

M: Hehe. Well, I called it, so...

E: Yeah.

M: In 2022 if we do win the **World Cup**, you know who said it first.

E: Alright, do you have money on that?

M: Ah, yes.

E: Hehe.

M: Hehe. Alright, so, **apart from this** we saw some really great vocabulary in this lesson, so let's take a look at it now in "**language takeaway**".

Voice: Language takeaway.

E: Alright, we've got a lot of soccer words for you, but they're all important. So, let's take a look at the first one, **kick off**.

M: Kick off.

E: Kick off.

M: So, a kick off.

E: This is how you start a soccer game, right?

M: Right, so it's the very beginning, the referee blows the **whistle** and you kick the ball to another player. That's the **kick off**.

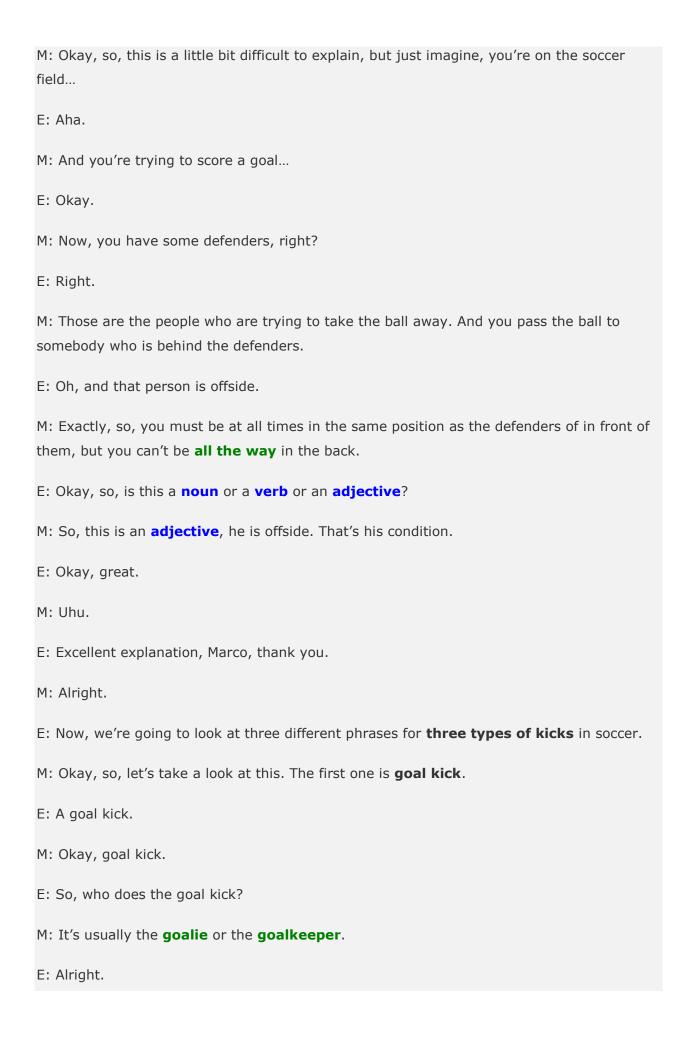
E: Okay, so, our next phrase, **out of bounds**.

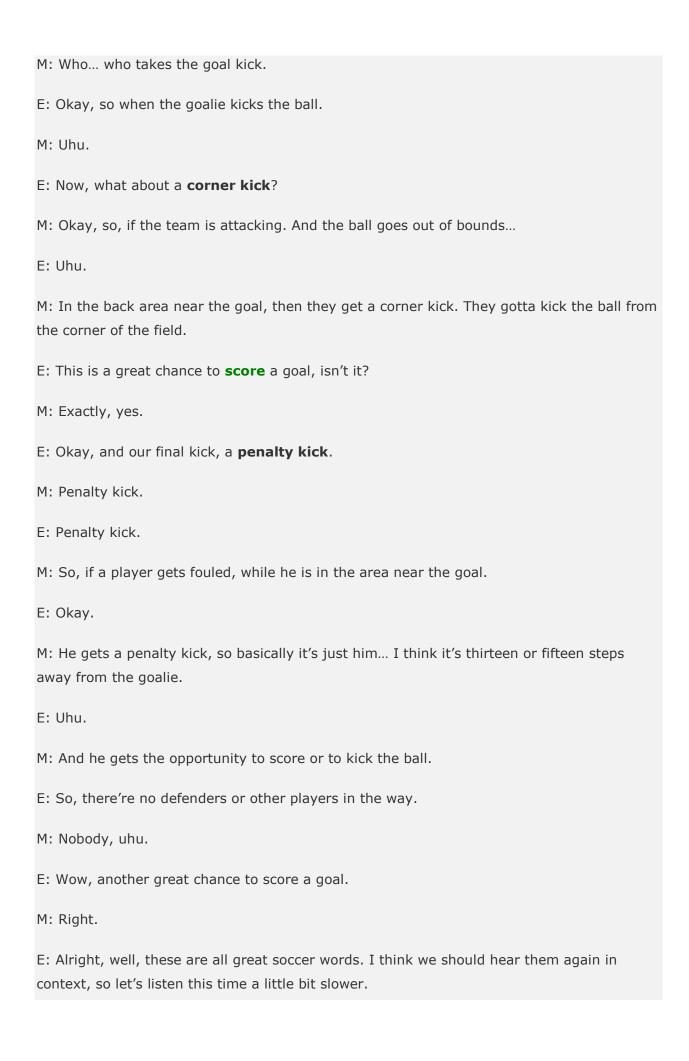
M: Out of bounds.

E: Out of bounds.

E: Uhu. So, in soccer, when the ball goes out of bounds, it goes outside the white lines, right? M: Right, outside of the playing field. E: Okay. M: And you can use it in all other sports, you can use it in basketball, you can use it in, ah, tennis. E: Or football or anything. M: Right, so... E: Uhu. M: Any part that is not for playing. E: Out of bounds. M: What's our next word? E: Throw in. M: A throw in. E: A throw in. M: Okay, so a throw in. The ball goes out of bounds... E: Aha. M: How do you put it back in to play? E: Obviously, a throw in. M: Okay, so, you throw in the ball. That's the only time where a soccer player will actually grab the ball with his hands. E: Alright, now, another soccer term we have here, **offside**. M: Offside. E: Offside.

M: Okay, out of bounds, this is a great word.





DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME (slow)

M: Alright, so, we heard these words that we were talking about in context and now some really interesting phrases came up and this would be a good time to take a look at them in "fluency builder".

Voice: Fluency builder.

E: Well, Marco, there're three great phrases in this dialogue that I wanna look at. Um, the first one "on the brink of".

M: We are on the brink of.

E: We're on the brink of soccer history.

M: Okay, so, "on the brink of". What is... what exactly does that mean?

E: Why don't we hear some examples to help us understand the meaning?

Voice: Example one.

A: Look, we don't have any money. We're on the brink of going bankrupt.

Voice: Example two.

B: The two countries are on the brink of war.

Voice: Example three.

C: We're on the brink of an important discovery.

M: Alright, so, great examples "on the brink of", at a critical point.

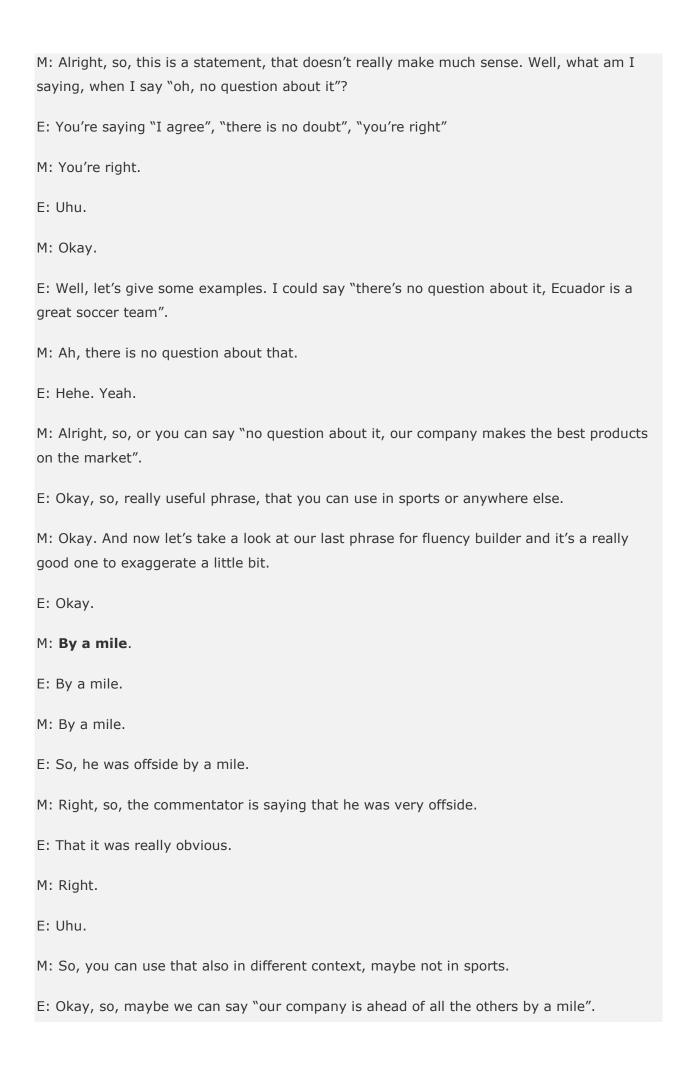
E: Exactly, it means you're almost there, right?

M: Okay, yeah, very good. And what about this next phrase that I saw and it was really interesting. **No question about it**.

E: No question about it.

M: No question about it.

E: No question about it.



M: Right, or if you tell somebody to guess your age and they say "oh, I think you are forty two". E: Oh, you could say "you're off by a mile". M: Right, why? E: So you're really really wrong. M: Right, exactly. E: Yeah. M: So, it's a way of exaggerating a little bit. E: Yes, and saying it's really obvious. M: Right. E: Uhu. Well, three awesome phrases and I think it will help us to hear them one more time. So, let's listen to the dialogue. **DIALOGUE, THIRD TIME** M: Okay, well, as you all may know, soccer is a very popular sport especially in Latin America. E: That's right. And your favorite team, Ecuador. M: Hehe. E: Are they... Are they really this good in soccer, they're really gonna win the **Twenty Twenty-two Cup?** M: Well, maybe not. E: Hehe. M: Well, actually Ecuador has... has improved with time, but usually it's the strong teams like Argentina and Brazil, who, ah, dominate the region, right? E: Right.

M: Um, but yeah, hopefully we'll make it next time.

E: Okay, well, I have my money on Ecuador and...

M: Hehe. For 2022.

E: But, yeah, not on Canada. There's no hope for us.

M: Well, Canada is doing really well now. They, actually...

E: Really?

M: Ah, beat Mexico, if I'm not mistaken.

E: Oh, actually, that's sort of... yeah, I kind of remember that now.

M: Hehe.

E: But, there's... I think there's no hope for us to beat Brazil or Argentina, one of these big countries.

M: We have the next World Cup coming up, so it's really exciting and I don't know who's gonna win.

E: Alright, well, um, listeners! Who do you think is going to win? Who is the best soccer team out there?

M: Hehe. Right, there're really good soccer teams. Although, some of the... some countries aren't really known for their soccer like Russia. You don't really hear too much soccer from Russia.

E: Really?

M: Or from China is for that.

E: I wonder how popular it is in these countries.

M: Hum, so let us know, come to our website **englishpod.com**, tell us how popular soccer is in your country or what team you are a fan of. I know many people like the European Cups and they're fans of, ah... ah, Barcelona or the Italian teams.

E: Well, come to the website. Marco and I are always around to answer your questions and until next time... Good bye!

M: Bye!