

Subject	PE
Unit	Football

Key vocabulary	Definition
Attacker	Player whose job is to play the ball forward towards the opponent's goal area to create a scoring opportunity.
Back Pass	A pass that a player makes back toward their own goal, usually made back to the goalkeeper. This is often a defensive move to restart a new phase of play.
Centre Spot	The spot marked at the centre of the field from which the kick-off is made.
Corner Flag	The flag marking each of the four corners of the field.
Corner Kick	A free kick taken from the corner of the field by an attacker. The corner kick is awarded when the ball has passed over the goal line after last touching a defensive player. The shot is taken from the corner nearest to where the ball went out.
Cross	A pass played across the face of a goal.
Defender	A player whose job is to stop the opposition attacking players from goal scoring.
Dribble	Keeping control of the ball while running.
Far Post	The goalpost farthest from the ball.
FIFA	The acronym used for the Federation Internationale de Football Association, the world governing body for the game of association football, which is based in Switzerland.
Foul	Any illegal play.
Free Kick	A kick awarded to an opposition player when an player has committed a foul. Free kicks can be either direct or indirect.

Goal Kick	A goal kick is awarded to the defending team when the ball is played over the goal line by the attacking team. It can taken by any player though it is normally taken by the goalkeeper.
Goal Mouth	The area in front of the goal.
Goal Keeper	The specialised player who is the last line of defence, who is allowed to control the ball with his hands when in the goal area.
Kick off	The kickoff is taken from the center spot at the start of play at the beginning of each half and after a goal has been scored.
Player to Player marking (old term man to man)	A defensive system where defenders are designated one attacking player to track continuously.
Midfielder	The playing position for players that are responsible for linking play between attackers and defenders.
Offside	A player is in an offside position if he is nearer to his opponent's goal line than both the ball and the second-to-last opponent. This does not apply if the players is is on their half of the field. An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the place where the offside occurred.
Penalty Area	The rectangular area in front of the goal in which the goalkeeper may handle the ball. It is also known as the 18-yard box because of its dimensions.
Referee	The official who is in charge of the game
Shot	A kick, header, or any intended deflection of the ball toward a goal by a player attempting to score a goal.
Tackle	To take the ball away from the opponent using the feet.
Throw in	The ball is thrown in after the ball has crossed the touch line. A player taking a throw in must have both feet on or behind the touch line, must maintain contact with the ground, and must use a two-handed throw made from behind the head. A goal cannot be score directly from a throw-in.
Touch Line	The line that defines the outer edge of the longer sides of the field of play.
Volley	Striking the ball in mid-air with either foot.

