Unit 32 Verbs: Technical

Level: Intermediate +

Preparation: For 24 hours after each match UEFA will show video highlights of each game. Choose a 30 second – one minute clip of a game, preferably with a team or players that your students are familiar with:

Go to: http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/video/highlights/index.html

Photocopy page 132 (unit 38) of English Through Football and make sure each student or pair of students has a set of technical cards.

In Class: Show the clip in class with the volume down or off. Ask students to watch and hold up and shout out the technical verbs they see.

Then watch again. This time, ask students to describe what is happening. Give them a few moments, allowing them to take notes.

Example:

Lahm passes to Schweinsteiger, who heads it to Gomez and Gomez takes a shot! But it hits the goalpost!

Extension: Students should find another 30 second – 1 minute clip from the game (making a note of the timings). They then write a line of commentary for that clip. The next lesson they can read out their commentary and other students from your class should listen and act out the commentary they hear. Does it match what’s in the clip?