

1. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** cross

Example: When you **cross** the ball, you send it from the wing towards the strikers in the middle. Wingers are often good at **crossing** the ball.



2. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** head

Example: When you **head** the ball, you strike it with the front of your head (your forehead). Centre-backs and strikers are usually good at **heading** the ball.



3. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** mark

Example: When you **mark** a player from the other team, you stay close to him. If you **mark** the player well, it's difficult for him to receive the ball.



4. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** pass

Example: When you **pass**, you send the ball to another player in your team. If you don't **pass** the ball quickly, you may lose it!



5. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** dribble

Example: When you **dribble**, you run with the ball close to your feet. It's very difficult to take the ball away from a good **dribbler**!



6. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** punch

Example: When a goalkeeper **punches** the ball, he strikes it with his closed hand (his fist). Keepers often **punch** the ball if a shot or cross is difficult to catch.



7. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** save

Example: When a goalkeeper **saves** a shot or header, he stops the ball going into the goal. It's usually easier to **save** a long shot than one near the goal.



8. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** score

When you **score**, your team has a goal. Every player wants to **score** a goal!



9. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** shoot

Example: When you **shoot**, you try to score by kicking the ball towards the goal. If you don't **shoot**, you won't score many goals!



10. **Vocabulary:** English  
**Action:** tackle

Example: When you **tackle** a player, you try to take the ball away from him. Defenders have to be good at **tackling**.



Test Your Football Vocabulary

Football Vocabulary: Actions

Write the English words for the actions under the pictures.



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Fill in the gaps in the sentences with the correct form of the English football vocabulary!

- The goalkeeper was feeling sad because he didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the goal.
- The winger looked up and saw the striker making a run. He \_\_\_\_\_ the ball into the centre and the striker scored a goal.
- The ball few into the penalty area from a corner kick. The goalkeeper couldn't catch the ball so he \_\_\_\_\_ the ball away.
- The striker didn't \_\_\_\_\_ when he had the chance and so the team didn't score a goal.
- The tall midfielder jumped up to \_\_\_\_\_ the ball past the keeper and into the back of the net.
- The defender \_\_\_\_\_ the striker and took the ball away from him.
- The midfielder \_\_\_\_\_ the ball past one player and then another before shooting the ball into the goal.
- The manager told the defender to \_\_\_\_\_ the other team's striker closely.
- The players \_\_\_\_\_ between each other to keep possession of the ball before attacking.
- The striker \_\_\_\_\_ a goal from 25-yards.

Answers: 1 - save, 2 - crossed, 3 - punched, 4 - shoot, 5 - head, 6 - tackled, 7 - dribbled, 8 - mark, 9 - passed, 10 - scored.