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**Authentic Real English: Kick Off 开始**

(Sound of a whistle blowing)

**Yang Li:** 球迷们，我们今天的地道英语肯定合你们的胃口。 I'm Yang Li.

**Diarmuid:** And I'm Diarmuid. Our phrase for the day has its origins in football, but now it's used much more widely.

**Yang Li:** 说到足球，比赛开始的那一瞬间就叫做 kick off.

**Diarmuid:** Yes, it can also be used as a verb. For example, today's game is going to kick off at 3 o'clock, which means it's going to start at 3pm. Simple.

**Yang Li:** Simple. So you said the phrase can also be used outside football?

**Diarmuid:** Yes, it can also be used when talking about other events starting, such as meetings, concerts or parties.

**Examples**

*A: When does the meeting start?*

*B: We're going to kick off at 14.30.*

*C: What's the plan for tonight?*

*D: Well I thought we could kick off around eight with some drinks at my place, then go on to a pub.*

**Yang Li:** So are you a football fan, Derm?

**Diarmuid:** Yes, I like watching it but I'm not much good at playing. I've got two left feet.

**Yang Li:** Really? Derm 说他自己有两只左脚意思就是他手脚协调很差，笨手笨脚的。 Well I like watching it too, as long as the players are cute!

**Diarmuid:** Hmm, any favourites?

**Yang Li:** That would be telling!

**Diarmuid:** Well, I'm sure our listeners will hear this phrase 'to kick off' a lot; it really is common in spoken English.

**Yang Li:** 所以说大家也要竖起耳朵，因为在英语里会经常听到这个词 **kick off**. 别忘了在我们的网站上大家可以学到更多的地道英语。我们的网址是：

**Diarmuid:** [www.bbcukchina.com](http://www.bbcukchina.com)

**Yang Li:** 不过现在不是 **kick off** 的时候，我们的节目就要结束了，到了最后时间了，最后吹哨。

**Diarmuid:** The final whistle.

(Sound of a whistle blowing and the crowd cheering)

