

Expressions & Vocabulary about the Super bowl followed by a natural English conversation.

Stu: Hey everybody, this is Stu and today we're going to be talking about the Super Bowl. The Super Bowl is the championship game for the NFL. It's the most popular sports game in America, about 150 million people watch, which is about half the country. And so it's a big part of American culture.

So today I'm going to share some expressions and vocabulary words that you can use when you're talking about football. The first thing to know is that when we talk about a football team, we're actually talking about a group of people, not just a theme. And so we often ask who's playing and this means which teams are in the game.

So for example, **the Eagles are playing the Chiefs this year.**

Another good word is **a matchup**. And that is the combination of the teams that are playing and so we're thinking about who they are together in the game and so

This should be an exciting matchup.

Sometimes we have **a one-sided** game, which is when one team is much better than the other one.

For example,

The Superbowl in 2021 was a one sided game, Tampa beat Kansas City by 22 points. Which is a big difference in football.

A similar idea is **a blowout**. This is an idiom that means that one team wins by many points.

The 2014 Super Bowl was a blowout, Seattle beat for 43 to eight. A lot of people thought that was a boring game.

The opposite of that is **a close game**. And this is when the score is almost equal.

Last year's Super Bowl between LA and Cincinnati was a close game. The final score was 23 to 20. So that was an exciting one.

Another idiom for this is **a nail biter**. And so in this case nail is like our fingernails, and so a nail biter, you're biting your fingernails because it's so close. And this is also a very exciting game and the outcome is decided at the last minute. And a good example of this was a game recently between Kansas City and Cincinnati.

It was a real nail biter. The deciding field goal was scored with six seconds left in the game.

We also talk about **rooting for a team**. This is an idiom that means that you support or you cheer for that team. It's also not always the team that you usually support. It can just be for the one game and so

I'm rooting for Kansas City.

Another exciting time is when the score **is tied**. In this is an adjective that means both teams have the same number of points. So for example,

The game is tied in the second quarter.

Speaking of quarters, **a quarter** is one of the four periods that make up the game. Each one is 15 minutes long. And so as an example,

The quarterback was injured in the first quarter.

There's also **halftime** which is a break in the middle of the game. The Super Bowl has a very popular show that happens at that time, where famous musicians play. So as an example,

Are you going to watch the halftime show?

There's also **a kickoff** in which is when one team kicks the ball to the other team. And that starts the game. It also happens at the beginning of the second half after the halftime break. And so,

Kickoff is at 6:30pm

So now that we have some of the vocabulary, I'm going to bring in Masha and she's going to help me give a conversation using these terms.

Stu: Thanks for joining me, Masha.

Masha: Hey Stu, I'm excited. I don't know much about football.

Stu: So are you planning to watch the game?

Masha: I am planning to watch the game. I'm really excited about the halftime show.

Stu: Oh, sure. Of course. I think there's a lot of people who really only watch the halftime show.

Masha: Well, the halftime show with Rihanna and then also the commercials. I love the Superbowl commercials.

Stu: Oh, they're huge. I mean, it's I think it's \$6.5 million for 30 seconds this.

Masha: That's crazy.

Stu: And so, yeah, so they really do put a lot into these ads. Who are you rooting for?

Masha: Well, I'm kind of embarrassed to say I actually don't really know which teams. I think I heard the Kansas City Chiefs. That's what I know. That's one team I know.

Stu: Yeah, they're back again. They played in 2021. And then also it's going to be the Philadelphia Eagles.

Masha: Okay, okay. So an East Coast team.

Masha: So who should I be rooting for?

Stu: Well, I think it kind of depends how you feel about Philly. I know that the people in New York have a stronger feeling than I would being from the West Coast. But I think a lot of people really like Patrick Mahomes, who's the quarterback for the Kansas, the Chiefs. And so he's a really popular quarterback. I think a lot of people are supporting Kansas City because of him. And that I think for me, it's a...there's some kind of connection with him. He actually is from the place where my parents lives now. And so

he is their hometown hero, and then also being from the West Coast, I have absolutely no connection to Philadelphia.

Masha: Can I ask which team is **the underdog**? (The weaker team)

Stu: I'd say it's gonna be close. But I think most people expect Kansas City is.

Masha: the underdog?

Stu: Yeah they're the underdog. The Eagles had the best record this year. They were just completely dominant, over 49ers in the playoffs. And so I think most people are giving them the advantage. It shouldn't be a close game though, regardless that Kansas City is a great team also. And so hopefully, it'll be exciting.

Masha: Alright, so okay, if they're the underdogs, I'll probably root for Kansas. What are some things to watch out for? Like when I'm watching... if I watch the game.

Stu: Sure, well... Kickoff starts at 630 and I'd expect the first quarter is probably going to be pretty exciting. You know depending on how the first quarter goes, the second half of the game can be really boring. And so you know if it's clear that one of the teams is going to win, the second half can be really slow. And I think there's a lot more excitement in the first half too, you know a lot of people have parties and you're happy to be the party and you're drinking and you get a bit tired by the by the second half.

Masha: So by the second half, you already kind of know who's gonna win.

Stu: It could be it could be tied. We've had that before that, you know, there was a game I think it was last year with Cincinnati, it was tied going into the fourth quarter and it was really close at the end. And so that was that was a nail biter and that can be really exciting, but Super Bowls are hit or miss. And so sometimes you do have games that clearly one team's gonna win. And then the fourth quarter especially is very slow. And it's it's just not an exciting game. Unless you're a fan of the winner.

Masha: I know it's like chicken wings, lots of like finger foods, right?

Stu: Nachos.

Masha: I've been to a couple of parties.

Stu: Yeah, I think traditionally, buffalo wings, pizza, a lot of bar foods like mozzarella sticks, potato skins and all those.

Masha: Those are awesome.

Stu: I definitely gonna make up some nachos and beer and all that for the game.

Masha: So I kind of want **to shit talk** (*talk about someone or a team in a negative way*) for a little bit. So I noticed Kansas City. And you said the Philly? What was the..?

Stu: Philadelphia Eagles

Masha: The Eagles? I don't. I don't see Tom Brady's team.

Stu: No, he had a really just terrible season. It was the the only reason that they made it to the playoffs was that their conference is so terrible. They actually had a losing record. They were yeah, they were I think eight nine I believe at the end of the year.

Masha: But they were the winners last year.

Stu: Two years ago. Yeah, they lost in the playoffs last year. And so Tom Brady had a really terrible season.

Masha: He should have retired. He shouldn't have come out of retirement.

Stu: I know. He could have gone out on top. You know that even going to Tampa, I thought it was a bit of a risk for you know him but yeah, he I think he he really couldn't stop himself, I think. But now he retired again.

Masha: Yes, I heard that. He might come back.

Stu: Yeah, it was 40 days last time. But there is talk, though, the owner of the Patriots said they would offer him a one day contract so that he could officially retire as a patriot.

Masha: What? Really?

Stu: Yeah. I mean, he won six, I think six Super Bowls for them.

Masha: Yeah. I mean he's good. Yeah, whatever.

Stu: So I think they, you know, they think about how many T shirts they would sell.

Masha: That's true. They're Boston. So it's ok.

Stu: Yeah, also Patriots didn't make it to the to the Super Bowl this year either.

Masha: Yeah, they haven't been doing very well. But okay, that's off topic, but okay, so So basically Kansas, Philly. Alright, that's gonna be.. and you're rooting for Kansas, right?

Stu: Yeah, I'm gonna be rooting for Kansas City. I'm, I'm a Seattle fan. So I always support the Seahawks but we didn't didn't make it out of the playoffs this year. So Kansas City will be my temporary team for this Super Bowl.

Masha: All right, well go Kansas.

Stu: Yeah. Go Chiefs, I guess.

Masha: Well, thanks Stu for teaching us about football and, and teaching me who to root for and, and the different phrases we use.

Stu: Of course, no problem. I'm always happy to talk football.

Masha: If you liked this video, please like it. And subscribe to our channel for more videos. We hope to see you soon. Bye.

Stu: Bye.