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| Signals | Wives/lovers/partners of football fans | Writers |
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|  <p>Penalty declined, incomplete pass, missed field goal, missed extra point, no play</p> | Leave me alone, I have too many chores. | Leave me alone, I'm in writer mode. |
|  <p>Holding</p> | I need a hug. | I need a hug. |
|  <p>Pass interference</p> | An interruption prevented me from completing a chore. Examples include but are not limited to flat tires, crying children, family emergencies, lack of funds, and/or no cooperation. | Internet is slow and/or offline. Computer virus ruined day/weeks/months of work. |
|  <p>First down (one arm pointing)</p> | First chore was successfully completed no thanks to you. | I completed the first draft of novel/poem/blog/query/summary. |
|  <p>Facemasking</p> | Will not respond to ridiculous question. Find the [insert object here] yourself. | Will not respond to ridiculous question while writing. Find the [insert object here] yourself. |
|  <p>Time out</p> | I need a real-time moment (not a football minute) to tell you something important. | Give me a minute to finish this sentence. |
|  <p>Offside</p> | You [insert chore here] the wrong way. | Your [insert helpful comment about writing] is not useful. |
|  <p>Clipping</p> | I saw that! I have eyes in back of my head. | Don't stand over me while I write. Your body is casting a shadow over the keyboard. |

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|  <p>Touchdown, successful field goal, successful extra point</p> | I completed today's chores. | I completed a chapter/blog/query/summary. |
|  <p>Personal Foul</p> | Your comment and/or behavior are out of line. Examples include gross bodily noises, forgetting chores, sarcastic tone, and/or "the look." | Having pity party for myself right now. May need cheese to go with my "whine." |