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# ENGLISH IDIOMS

## **A hot potato**

Speak of an issue (mostly current) which many people are talking about and which is usually disputed

## **A penny for your thoughts**

A way of asking what someone is thinking

## **Actions speak louder than words**

People's intentions can be judged better by what they do than what they say.

## **Add insult to injury**

To further a loss with mockery or indignity; to worsen an unfavorable situation.

## **An arm and a leg**

Very expensive or costly. A large amount of money.

## **At the drop of a hat**

Meaning: without any hesitation; instantly.

## **Back to the drawing board**

When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.

## **Ball is in your court**

It is up to you to make the next decision or step

## **Barking up the wrong tree**

Looking in the wrong place. Accusing the wrong person

## **Be glad to see the back of**

Be happy when a person leaves.

## **Beat around the bush**

Avoiding the main topic. Not speaking directly about the issue.

## **Best of both worlds**

Meaning: All the advantages.

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## **Best thing since sliced bread**

A good invention or innovation. A good idea or plan.

## **Bite off more than you can chew**

To take on a task that is way too big.

## **Blessing in disguise**

Something good that isn't recognized at first.

## **Burn the midnight oil**

To work late into the night, alluding to the time before electric lighting.

## **Can't judge a book by its cover**

Cannot judge something primarily on appearance.

## **Caught between two stools**

When someone finds it difficult to choose between two alternatives.

## **Costs an arm and a leg**

This idiom is used when something is very expensive.

## **Cross that bridge when you come to it**

Deal with a problem if and when it becomes necessary, not before.

## **Cry over spilt milk**

When you complain about a loss from the past.

## **Curiosity killed the cat**

Being Inquisitive can lead you into an unpleasant situation.

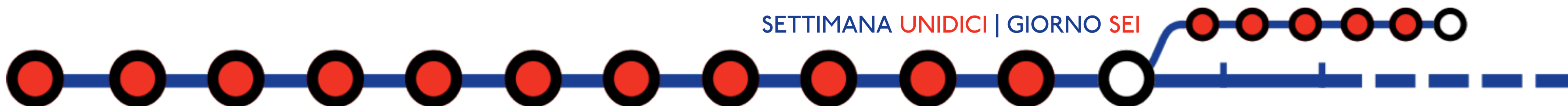
## **Cut corners**

When something is done badly to save money.

## **Cut the mustard**

To succeed; to come up to expectations; adequate enough to compete or participate

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## **Devil's Advocate**

To present a counter argument.

## **Don't count your chickens before the eggs have hatched**

This idiom is used to express "Don't make plans for something that might not happen".

## **Don't give up the day job**

You are not very good at something. You could definitely not do it professionally.

## **Don't put all your eggs in one basket**

Do not put all your resources in one possibility.

## **Drastic times call for drastic measures**

When you are extremely desperate you need to take drastic actions.

## **Elvis has left the building**

The show has come to an end. It's all over.

## **Every cloud has a silver lining**

Be optimistic, even difficult times will lead to better days.

## **Far cry from**

Very different from.

## **Feel a bit under the weather**

Meaning: Feeling slightly ill.

## **Give the benefit of the doubt**

Believe someone's statement, without proof.

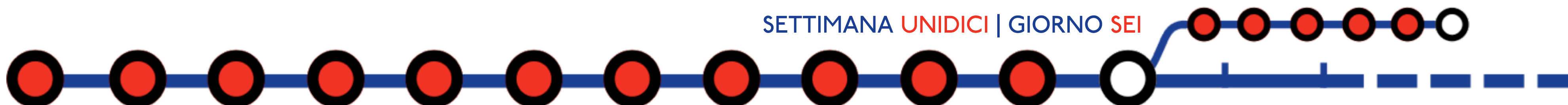
## **Hear it on the grapevine**

This idiom means 'to hear rumors' about something or someone.

## **Hit the nail on the head**

Do or say something exactly right.

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## **Hit the sack / sheets / hay**

To go to bed.

## **In the heat of the moment**

Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment.

## **It takes two to tango**

Actions or communications need more than one person.

## **Jump on the bandwagon**

Join a popular trend or activity.

## **Keep something at bay**

Keep something away.

## **Kill two birds with one stone**

This idiom means, to accomplish two different things at the same time.

## **Last straw**

The final problem in a series of problems.

## **Let sleeping dogs lie**

Do not disturb a situation as it is - since it would result in trouble or complications.

## **Let the cat out of the bag**

To share information that was previously concealed.

## **Make a long story short**

Come to the point - leave out details.

## **Method to my madness**

An assertion that, despite one's approach seeming random, there actually is structure to it.

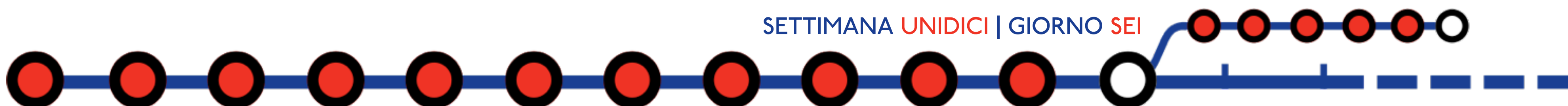
## **Miss the boat**

This idiom is used to say that someone missed his or her chance.

## **Not a spark of decency**

Meaning: No manners.

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## **Not playing with a full deck**

Someone who lacks intelligence.

## **Off one's rocker**

Crazy, demented, out of one's mind, in a confused or befuddled state of mind, senile.

## **On the ball**

When someone understands the situation well.

## **Once in a blue moon**

Meaning: Happens very rarely.

## **Picture paints a thousand words**

A visual presentation is more descriptive than words.

## **Piece of cake**

A job, task or other activity that is easy or simple.

## **Put wool over other people's eyes**

This means to deceive someone into thinking well of them.

## **See eye to eye**

This idiom is used to say that two (or more people) agree on something.

## **Sit on the fence**

This is used when someone does not want to choose or make a decision.

## **Speak of the devil!**

This expression is used when the person you have just been talking about arrives.

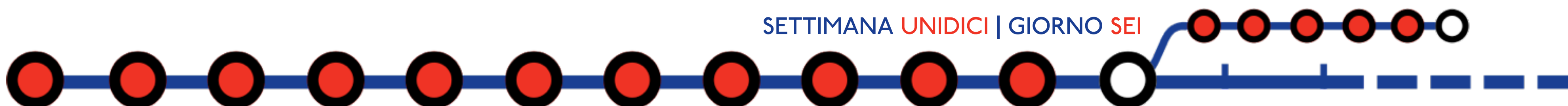
## **Steal someone's thunder**

To take the credit for something someone else did.

## **Take with a grain of salt**

This means not to take what someone says too seriously.

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## **Taste of your own medicine**

Means that something happens to you, or is done to you, that you have done to someone else.

## **To hear something straight from the horse's mouth**

To hear something from the authoritative source.

## **Whole nine yards**

Everything. All of it.

## **Wouldn't be caught dead**

Would never like to do something.

## **Your guess is as good as mine**

To have no idea, do not know the answer to a question.

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