

cherry on top  
on the floor  
on the table

### on my plate

#### Definition and origin

A non-specific way to speak of all the tasks or responsibilities that one must address.

Originated in the US in the 90s, carried from the dining room right into everyday use. Imagine being at dinner with a plate heaped full of too much food than you can eat. Then you are said to have a lot on your plate. This scenario was then used to describe a scenario where you have so much going on than you can handle.

#### example

I have too much on my plate  
right now.

*The donations are back on the table*

*Are you ready to take this on?*

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