



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?
