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Speak Business English Like an American Lesson 21 Idioms and Expressions Test

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1. **Choose the best substitute for the phrase or sentence in bold:**

Kate said she didn't have time to help you? I'm not surprised, since **she has a lot on her plate right now.**

A) she's very busy these days
B) she's taken too much food
C) she doesn't really like to help people

2. Instead of retiring, Joyce decided to keep working and just **scale back her hours.**

A) increase the number of hours she works
B) retire in a few years
C) reduce the number of hours she works

3. You've been at the office every night until midnight for the past three months? **Hang in there**. In just a few more weeks, the busy period will probably be over.

A) Quit your job. **B)** Be patient.
C) Keep complaining.

4. Tanya works all day and goes to school every evening. No wonder she's **wiped out**.

A) exhausted **B)** sick
C) full of energy

5. At the tax consulting firm, March and April are **crunch time**.

A) a relaxing time **B)** a slow period
C) a very busy period

6. You asked me to buy you a bamboo vase on my business trip to Hanoi? I'm sorry, but **it slipped my mind**!

A) you never asked me for that
B) I forgot
C) I didn't get a chance

7. Eva is working full-time while studying for her MBA and taking care of her two small kids. **I don't know how she can keep her head above water.**

A) No wonder she has no time to go swimming.
B) I don't know how she manages.
C) I don't know what she does with all her free time.

8. If you want to pass the CPA exam, you'd better **keep your nose to the grindstone** and stop going out every night to party.

A) focus on studying
B) focus on having fun
C) keep your nose out of other people's business

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