

## Crack the Code! Answer Key

1. Tried to do more than he could handle
2. Face the consequences or a difficult situation
3. Forgive each other and make peace
4. A situation where many bad things happen at once
5. Don't waste time being upset about something that can't be changed
6. Do something to fix or apologize for a mistake
7. The final period when something must be completed quickly

### Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Understanding **idiomatic expressions** through **context clues** in connected text.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For emerging readers, read passages aloud and model how to look for hints around the idiom.
  - For advanced learners, remove bolded idioms and have them infer both the phrase *and* its meaning.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Turn it into a "Detective Race"-students earn points for explaining how they found each clue.
  - Use real-life examples of idioms from songs, shows, or social media and discuss context together.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Students can write mini-stories using two idioms correctly in context.
  - Have pairs illustrate literal vs. figurative meanings of one idiom and present to the class.