

ONE WORD. MANY WAYS TO

CARE

MEANING, FORMS & USES

At its heart, **care** means to feel concern and responsibility for someone or something.

WORD FORMS



VERB – TRANSITIVE
to care for
to look after someone or something.
She **cares for** her grandmother.



VERB – INTRANSITIVE
to care (about)
to feel concerned or interested in someone or something.
I **care about** your opinion.



NOUN – UNCOUNTABLE
care
feelings of concern and responsibility.
He shows great **care** for others.



NOUN – COUNTABLE
care
the act of looking after someone or something.
This plant needs special **care**.



PHRASE
take care
used to say goodbye or to wish someone well.
Take care on your trip!

EXAMPLES IN CONTEXT

- “My sister always **takes care** of me when I’m sick.”
- “Do you **care about** what people think?”
- “His **careful** planning helped us avoid mistakes.”
- “She has a very **caring** heart.”
- “That was a **careless** mistake.”
- “**Take care** and call me when you arrive.”

VERB – CARE FOR
VERB – CARE ABOUT
ADJ – CAREFUL
ADJ – CARING
ADJ – CARELESS
PHRASE – TAKE CARE

HOW CARE IS USED



FOR PEOPLE
We **care** for our family and friends.



FOR ANIMALS
We **care** for pets and protect wildlife.



FOR THINGS
We **care** for our belongings.



FOR THE WORLD
We **care** for our communities and the planet.



COLLOCATIONS

- take care of
- care about
- show / give care
- with care
- in care
- under care
- out of care
- handle with care
- in good care
- be cared for

DID YOU KNOW?
The word **care** comes from the Old English **caru**, meaning ‘anxiety, sorrow, or concern.’

ADJECTIVES



careful
taking attention to avoid danger or mistakes.
Be **careful** with that glass.



caring
kind, concerned, and thoughtful.
She is a **caring** person.



careless
not giving enough attention; not careful.
Careless driving can be dangerous.

RELATED WORDS



caregiver (noun)
a person who cares for someone.



caringly (adverb)
in a kind and thoughtful way.



carelessness (noun)
lack of care or attention.



self-care (noun)
the practice of taking care of your own well-being.

COMMON EXPRESSIONS



with all my care
doing something very carefully.



I don't care.
used to show you are not worried or interested.



no care in the world
very relaxed; not worried about anything.



out of care
no longer being looked after or supported.



THINK ABOUT IT

A little **care** can change a day.
A lot of **care** can change a life.



Care for others.



Care for yourself.



Care for your things.



Care for our world.

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