## Care, Matter and Mind Exercise

I don't care	-	you often say this with anger
It doesn't matter	-	you often say this with kindness
I don't mind	-	

## A Fill the gaps with I don't care, it doesn't matter and I don't mind.

- 1 ..... about Peter's financial difficulties. It's his problem.
- 2 Ann: My computer's broken. Bart: We can get it fixed.
- 3 Stan: What shall I make for dinner? Anne: ....., as long as it's quick and you don't make a mess in the kitchen.
- Barry: Would you like to come up for a coffee?
  Sally: Sorry. I must be getting back.
  Barry: Oh well.
  Another time, maybe.
- 5 Max: Go on. You have a night out with your friends. ..... staying in with the baby.
  - Ann: Oh thanks, darling. I really need a night out.
- 7 I'll wear a bright yellow top with a pink skirt if I want to. ..... what people might think of me.
- 8 Listen! ...... about your boyfriend problems. Can we talk about something else for a change?
- 9 ..... if she's oversensitive. She needs to learn how to take a joke, for pity's sake!
- 10 ..... washing up. You have a rest.

B Fill the gaps with care, matter and mind. You may need to use a good dictionary

- 1 She hasn't a ..... in the world.
- 2 It says on the box,"Handle with ....."
- 3 The police arrived in a ..... of minutes.
- 4 No ..... how much money he earns, he'll never be satisfied.
- 5 Phew! That's a load off my .....
- 6 Bear in ..... that you'll need to bring warm clothes.
- 7 I'm going out with my friends tomorrow no ...... what.
- 8 I have half a ..... to tell him exactly what I think of him.
- 9 I wish you'd hurry up and make up your .....
- 10 Condoleeza's got a long face. What's the ...... with her?
- 11 Stop fussing! I'm perfectly alright. Nothing's the ....., OK?
- 12 Monica doesn't ..... a fig what Juan thinks.



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## Answers

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- I don't care about Peter's financial difficulties. It's his problem. 1
- 2 A: My computer's broken.
- B: We can get it fixed. It doesn't matter. Stan: What shall I make for dinner?
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- Anne: I don't mind, as long as it's quick and you don't make a mess in the kitchen.
- 4 Barry: Would you like to come up for a coffee? Sally: Sorry. I must be getting back.
- Barry: Oh well. It doesn't matter. Another time, maybe.
- 5 Max: Go on. You have a night out with your friends. I don't mind staying in with the baby.
- Ann: Oh thanks, darling. I really need a night out. Forget him. It really doesn't matter. They are plenty more fish in the sea, and much nicer ones than smelly Simon. 6
- I'll wears a bright yellow top with a pink skirt if I want to. I don't care what people might think of me. 7
- 8 Listen! I don't care about your boyfriend problems. Can we talk about something else for a change?
- I don't care if she's oversensitive. She needs to learn how to take a joke, for pity's sake! 9
- 10 I don't mind washing up. You have a rest.
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- 2 It says on the box,"Handle with care."
- 3 The police arrived in a matter of minutes.
- 4 No matter how much money he earns, he'll never be satisfied.
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- Phew! That's a load off my mind. Bear in mind that you'll need to bring warm clothes. 6
- 7 I'm going out with my friends tomorrow no matter what.
- 8 I have half a mind to tell him exactly what I think of him.
- 9
- I wish you'd hurry up and make up your mind. Condoleeza's got a long face. What's the matter with her? 10
- 11 Stop fussing! I'm perfectly alright. Nothing's the matter, OK?
- Monica doesn't care a fig what Juan thinks. 12



