Care, Matter and Mind Exercise

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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.
4 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.
6 Forget him. ................................. . They are plenty more fish in the sea, and much nicer ones than smelly Simon.
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.
Answers

A
1. I don't care about Peter's financial difficulties. It's his problem.
   B: We can get it fixed. It doesn't matter.
3. Stan: What shall I make for dinner?
   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.
6. Forget him. It really doesn't matter. They are plenty more fish in the sea, and much nicer ones than smelly Simon.
7. I'll wear a bright yellow top with a pink skirt if I want to. I don't care what people might think of me.
8. Listen! I don't care about your boyfriend problems. Can we talk about something else for a change?
9. I don't care if she's oversensitive. She needs to learn how to take a joke, for pity's sake!
10. I don't mind washing up. You have a rest.

B
1. She hasn't a care in the world.
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.
5. Phew! That's a load off my mind.
6. Bear in mind that you'll need to bring warm clothes.
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.
10. Condoleezza's got a long face. What's the matter with her?
11. Stop fussing! I'm perfectly alright. Nothing's the matter, OK?
12. Monica doesn't care a fig what Juan thinks.