

Care for/about, take care of ★★☆☆

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- 1 **Take care of**
Care for = look after, protect (a child, ...)



Mother is taking care of her child
(Mother is caring for her child)

- 2 **Care for/to** = like?
(especially in offers)



Would you care for a cup of coffee?
(Would you care to have a cup of coffee?)

- 3 **Care about** = think about, be concerned about
(especially negative)



I don't care much about clothes

More examples

She took good care of her cats.
Would you care for a sandwich?
Some people don't care about global warming.
Take care (of yourself)!
I don't care much about tidiness.
I care about cleanliness; I think it matters.
I don't care!! (= I'm definitely not interested)

Fill each blank with of, for, about or (about):

- 1 "Would you care _____ an ice cream?"
- 2 I'm taking care _____ Jake's dog for the day.
- 3 I don't care _____ what happens to my old clothes.
- 4 My work involves caring _____ old people.
- 5 "Would you care _____ have an ice cream?"
- 6 Punctuality is important, and I care _____ it.
- 7 If you don't care _____ the environment, then you really should.
- 8 How do you take care _____ a bird? I need to find out.
- 9 Caring _____ the young is a growing imperative.
- 10 "Care _____ something to eat?" "No thanks, I'm not hungry."

Notes

Care about + noun, care (about) + clause:
I don't care about the weather.
I don't care (about) what happens to him
Take care! is a common (and friendly) expression.
I don't care! is not polite: it's better to say "I don't mind."

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