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¹care *noun* \ˈker\

Definition of CARE

- 1** : suffering of mind : GRIEF
 - 2** **a** : a disquieted state of mixed uncertainty, apprehension, and responsibility
b : a cause for such anxiety
 - 3** **a** : painstaking or watchful attention
b : MAINTENANCE <floor-care products>
 - 4** : regard coming from desire or esteem
 - 5** : CHARGE, SUPERVISION <under a doctor's care>
 - 6** : a person or thing that is an object of attention, anxiety, or solicitude
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Examples of CARE

- She used *care* in selecting a doctor for her son.
- The children have inadequate medical *care* and little formal education.
- We need to provide poor people with better dental *care*.
- She wrote a book about car *care*.
- With proper *care*, the machine should last a decade or more.
- She is an expert on skin *care*.
- She knows a lot about the *care and feeding* of horses.
- She looks as if all the *cares* of the world are on her shoulders.



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Middle English, from Old English *caru*; akin to Old High German *kara* lament, Old Irish *gairm* call, cry, Latin *garrere* to chatter

First Known Use: before 12th century

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Synonym Discussion of CARE

CARE, **CONCERN**, **SOLICITUDE**, **ANXIETY**, **WORRY** mean a troubled or engrossed state of mind or the thing that causes this. **CARE** implies oppression of the mind weighed down by responsibility or disquieted by apprehension <a face worn by years of *care*>. **CONCERN** implies a troubled state of mind because of personal interest, relation, or affection <crimes caused *concern* in the neighborhood>. **SOLICITUDE** implies great concern and connotes either thoughtful or hovering attentiveness toward another <acted with typical maternal *solicitude*>. **ANXIETY** stresses anguished uncertainty or fear of misfortune or failure <plagued by *anxiety* and self-doubt>. **WORRY** suggests fretting over matters that may or may not be real cause for anxiety <financial *worries*>.

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²care *verb*

cared **car·ing**

Definition of CARE

intransitive verb

- 1 a** : to feel trouble or anxiety
- b** : to feel interest or concern <*care* about freedom>
- 2** : to give care <*care* for the sick>
- 3 a** : to have a liking, fondness, or taste <don't *care* for your attitude>
- b** : to have an inclination <would you *care* for some pie>

transitive verb

- 1** : to be concerned about or to the extent of <don't *care* what they say> <doesn't *care* a damn>
- 2** : **WISH** <if you *care* to go>

— **car·er** *noun*

— **care less**

: not to care —used positively and negatively with the same meaning <I could *care less* what happens> <I couldn't *care less* what happens>

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He doesn't *care* if he gets fired.

I *care* what happens to her.

On Valentine's Day, send her flowers to show that you *care*.

I didn't know you *cared*.

I wouldn't *care to be* in your shoes right now.

I'm going for a walk. Would you *care to join* me?

He'll show the photos to anyone who *cares to see* them.

More factors influenced her decision than she *cares to admit*.

First Known Use of CARE

before 12th century

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Medical Definition of CARE

: responsibility for or attention to health, well-being, and safety—see [ACUTE CARE](#), [HEALTH CARE](#), [INTENSIVE CARE](#), [PRIMARY CARE](#), [TERTIARY CARE](#)

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