

SUPPLEMENT: CARE ABOUT / CARE FOR / TAKE CARE OF

If you **care about** something or someone, you think that something or someone is important and to feel interested in it/them or upset about it/them.

- *Your parents are only doing this because they **care about** you.*

If you **care for** someone, you provide the things they need and are responsible for their health. It is used mainly to talk about children, old people, and sick people.

- *She had to give up her job to **care for** her elderly mother.*

*EXCEPTION = "DO NOT CARE FOR"

Saying you **do not care for** something (or someone) is a softer way of saying "I don't like" or "I'm not interested in". For example, "I don't care for that color" means "I don't like that color".

If you **take care of** a person or animal, you provide for their needs. **Take care of** can be used to describe caring for someone or something temporarily or caring for someone or something for a long time. It is often used with reflexive pronouns like **yourself**.

- *His grandparents moved in with him so he could **take care of** them in their old age.*
- *Please **take good care of** yourself.*

PRACTICE:

Fill in the blank spaces in the following sentences (1 - 16) with either **ABOUT**, **FOR** or **OF**

- (1) His secretary always took care _____ the details.
- (2) Caring _____ a sick relative is a task that brings both pleasure and pain.
- (3) Don't you care _____ this country's future?
- (4) Take good care _____ that girl of yours, Patrick - she's very special.
- (5) The dictionary defines aftercare as "the care _____ people after they have left a hospital or prison".
- (6) Rather than put him in the hospital, she had been caring _____ him at home.
- (7) All the travel arrangements have been taken care _____.
- (8) Your father thought your new girlfriend was nice, but I didn't care _____ her.
- (9) She's never cared very much _____ her appearance.
- (10) I just want to make enough money to take care _____ my family.
- (11) The children were all clean and well cared _____.
- (12) He was criticized for his delay in taking care _____ the matter.
- (13) He only cares _____ himself.
- (14) Antenatal clinics provide care _____ pregnant women.
- (15) The typewriter should work fine now, as long as you take proper care _____ it.
- (16) He doesn't seem to care _____ failing the exam.