

- matter** *n*
1. **вещество; материал**  
radioactive matter - радиоактивное вещество  
colouring matter - красящее вещество, краситель  
grey matter - а) серое вещество головного мозга; б) *разг.* ум  
matter in suspension - вещество, находящееся во взвешенном состоянии
  2. **гной**
  3. **филос. материя**  
the indestructibility of matter - неуничтожимость материи  
victory of mind over matter - победа духа над плотью
  4. **1) материал (содержащийся в книге, статье и т. п.)**  
there is not much reading matter in this illustrated weekly - в этом иллюстрированном еженедельнике не так много материала для чтения  
the book contains much useless matter - в книге много бесполезного материала /бесполезных вещей/
  - 2) **содержание (книги и т. п.)**  
form and matter - форма и содержание  
the matter in your article is interesting but the style is deplorable - содержание вашей статьи интересно, но форма изложения никуда не годится
  - 3) **сущность, предмет (обсуждения, дискуссии, судебного разбирательства)**  
matter of dispute - предмет спора  
to provide matter for discussion - дать тему для обсуждения /разговоров/; явиться темой обсуждения /разговоров/  
the matter in hand - вопрос, который обсуждается
  5. **1) дело, вопрос**  
business matters - дела, деловые вопросы  
a private matter - личное дело, личный вопрос  
money matters - денежные дела  
small matter - пустяки  
(it is) no laughing matter - (это) не шуточное дело  
that is (quite) another matter, that's another matter (altogether), that's a (very) different matter - это (совсем) другое дело  
an easy matter - простое дело  
it is no easy matter - это дело не простое, это не просто  
a matter of common knowledge - общеизвестная вещь, общеизвестный факт  
a matter of conscience - дело совести  
a matter of form - а) вопрос формы; б) формальность  
a matter of great importance - очень важное дело, очень важный вопрос  
a matter of law - а) вопрос права; б) тяжба, процесс  
a matter of life and death - вопрос жизни и смерти; жизненно важный вопрос  
a matter of opinion - спорный вопрос  
a matter of taste [habit] - дело вкуса [привычки]  
in matters of religion - в вопросах религии  
in all matters of education - во всём, что касается образования  
it is simply a matter of time - это просто вопрос времени  
that was a matter of 40 years ago - это дела сорокалетней давности  
we'll deal with this matter tomorrow - этим делом мы займёмся завтра; мы рассмотрим этот вопрос завтра  
as matters stand - при существующем положении (дел), в создавшейся обстановке  
let's see how matters stand - посмотрим, как обстоят дела  
that will only make matters worse - это только ухудшит /усугубит/ положение [*см. тж.* ◇ ]
  - 2) **(the matter) неприятное дело, неприятность; трудность**  
what's the matter? - в чём дело?, что случилось?  
what is the matter with him? - что с ним? [*см. тж.* ◇ ]  
is there anything the matter with him? - с ним что-нибудь случилось?  
I don't know what is the matter with me - я не знаю, что со мной  
what's the matter with your hand? - что у тебя с рукой?  
nothing's the matter - ничего не случилось /не произошло/  
as if nothing was the matter - как будто ничего не случилось  
there's nothing the matter with me, nothing's the matter with me - у меня всё в порядке
  6. **(of, for) повод, причина, основание**  
a matter of congratulation - повод для поздравления  
it is a matter for regret - об этом приходится сожалеть; это достойно сожаления  
there is no matter for complaint - нет повода жаловаться  
it's a matter of great concern to us - это нас очень волнует, это причина глубокого беспокойства для всех нас
  7. **собир. спец. почтовые отправления**  
first-class matter - *амер.* запечатанные письма  
second-class matter - *амер.* периодические издания, посылаемые почтой  
third-class matter - *амер.* печатные издания, посылаемые почтой
  8. **юр.**  
1) **заявление, утверждение, требующее доказательств**  
a matter in deed - факт, подтверждённый документально

2) спорный вопрос, спорный пункт; предмет спора

9. *полигр.*

1) рукопись, оригинал

2) набор; напечатанный набранный материал

◇ (it is, it makes) no matter - (это) не имеет значения

it made no matter to him that his brother lost all his money - ему было безразлично, что его брат потерял все деньги

no matter! - ничего! неважно! всё равно!

(it is) no such matter - ничего подобного, ничуть не бывало

what matter? - какое это имеет значение?

in the matter of studies - что касается занятий

a matter of - что-нибудь вроде, около

a matter of ten miles - расстояние примерно в десять миль

a matter of a few days - дело нескольких дней

a matter of five pounds - вопрос пяти фунтов или около того

for that matter, for the matter of that - а) в сущности, фактически, собственно говоря, по правде говоря, коли на то пошло; б) что касается этого, в этом отношении

no matter what - несмотря ни на что; что бы ни было

no matter how [where] - как [где] бы ни было

to carry matters too far - зайти слишком далеко

to take matters easy - не волноваться, не обращать внимания

to make matters worse he was late - более того /в довершение всего/, он ещё и опоздал [*см. тж. 5, 1*]

not to mince matters - говорить напрямик /без обиняков/

what is the matter with this [with him, with the book, with the idea]? - чем это [он, эта книга, эта идея] не подходит?, какие это [он, эта книга, эта идея] вызывает возражения?

what's the matter with trying to help him? - что (здесь) особенного /такого, плохого/, если я попробую помочь ему? [*см. тж. 5, 2*]

2. [*'mætə*] *v*

1. (чаще в *отриц. и вопр. предложениях*) иметь значение

not to matter - не иметь значения

not to matter a bit /a hoot, a rap, a straw/ - не иметь ни малейшего /ровно никакого/ значения

it doesn't matter if I miss my train, there's another one later - неважно /не имеет значения/, если я опоздаю на этот поезд, позже есть ещё один

it matters a good deal to me - для меня это очень важно

it matters little - это не имеет большого значения

nothing else matters - всё остальное не имеет значения

it doesn't matter - это не имеет значения, это несущественно; ничего, неважно

what does it matter? - какое это имеет значение?

what does it matter what I say? - разве мои слова имеют хоть какое-нибудь значение?

I shouldn't let what he says matter - я не обращал бы внимания на то, что он говорит

2. *гноиться*

the cut got dirty and began to matter - в ранку попала грязь, и она загноилась

**matter**

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**mat·ter** [**matter matters mattered mattering**] *noun, verb* *BrE* [*'mætə(r)*]

*NAmE* [*'mætər*]

*noun*

## SUBJECT/SITUATION

1. **countable** a subject or situation that you must consider or deal with

**Syn:** ↑*affair*

- It's a private matter.
- They had important matters to discuss.
- She may need your help with some business matters.
- I always consulted him on matters of policy.
- It's **a matter for** the police (= for them to deal with).
- That's a matter for you to take up with your boss.
- Let's get on with the **matter in hand** (= what we need to deal with now).
- I wasn't prepared to **let the matter drop** (= stop discussing it).
- It was **no easy matter** getting him to change his mind.
- It should have been a simple matter to check.
- (*ironic*) And then there's **the little matter** of the fifty pounds you owe me.
- (*formal*) It was **a matter of** some concern to most of those present (= something they were worried about).
- I did not feel that we had got to **the heart of the matter** (= the most important part).
- And that is **the crux of the matter** (= the most important thing about the situation).

2. **matters plural** the present situation, or the situation that you are talking about

**Syn:** ↑*things*

- Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do to improve matters.
- I'd forgotten the keys, which didn't **help matters**.
- Matters were made worse by a fire in the warehouse.

- And then, **to make matters worse**, his parents turned up.
- I decided to **take matters into my own hands** (= deal with the situation myself).
- **Matters came to a head** (= the situation became very difficult) with his resignation.

## PROBLEM

3. **the matter** **singular** used (to ask) if sb is upset, unhappy, etc. or if there is a problem

- **What's the matter?** Is there something wrong?
- Is **anything the matter** ?
- **~ with sb/sth** Is **something the matter** with Bob? He seems very down.
- There's something the matter with my eyes.
- 'We've bought a new TV.' 'What was the matter with the old one?'
- **What's the matter with you** today (= why are you behaving like this) ?
- What on earth was the matter with her, she wondered. She'd come here to enjoy herself and here she was, stuck on her own in the hotel.

## A MATTER OF STH/OF DOING STH

4. **singular** a situation that involves sth or depends on sth

**Syn:** ↑question

- Learning to drive is all a matter of coordination.
- Planning a project is just a matter of working out the right order to do things in.
- That's not a problem. It's **simply a matter of** letting people know in time.
- Some people prefer the older version to the new one. It's **a matter of taste**.
- She resigned over **a matter of principle**.
- The government must deal with this **as a matter of urgency**.
- Just **as a matter of interest** (= because it is interesting, not because it is important), how much did you pay for it?
- 'I think this is the best so far.' 'Well, that's **a matter of opinion** (= other people may think differently).

## SUBSTANCE

5. **uncountable** (**physics**) physical substance in general that everything in the world consists of, not mind or spirit

- to study the properties of matter

6. **uncountable** (**formal**) a substance or things of a particular sort

- Add plenty of organic matter to improve the soil.
- elimination of **waste matter** from the body
- She didn't approve of their choice of **reading matter**.

**see also** ↑subject matter

**more at** fact of the matter is (that)... **at** ↑fact, be no laughing matter **at** ↑laughing

### Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin **materia** 'timber, substance', also 'subject of discourse', from **mater** 'mother'.

### Thesaurus:

**matter** **noun**

1. **C**

- We had important matters to discuss.

**question** • • **issue** • • **concern** • • **subject** •

a/an matter/question/issue **relating to/concerning** sth

a **key/major/serious/general** matter/question/issue/concern/subject

a/an **political/moral/technical** matter/question/issue/concern/subject

**raise/deal with/address/tackle/discuss/consider/examine/explore/focus on** a/an matter/question/issue/concern/subject

**Matter or question?** In many cases you can use either word. However, a **matter** is often sth practical, whereas a **question** may be sth more philosophical.

2. **sing.** (especially spoken)

- What's the matter?

**problem** • • **difficulty** • • **issue** • | **disapproving trouble** •

the matter/a problem/a difficulty/an issue/trouble **with** sth

### Example Bank:

- Do I have any choice in the matter?
- Getting the effect you want is a matter of trial and error.
- He left, saying he had pressing matters to attend to.
- His articles deal with a wide range of subject matter.
- His lawyer advised him to drop the matter.
- I don't have much experience in these matters.
- I don't mind lizards, but snakes are a different matter.
- I don't really want to go into this matter now.
- I thought I'd better broach the matter with my boss.
- I wasn't sure how to approach the delicate matter of pay.
- It didn't help matters that I had a terrible cold.
- It is no simple matter starting a new business.

- It is then a simple matter to print off the data you have collected.
- It's a matter of concern to all of us.
- It's a relief to have the matter settled.
- Let me simplify matters by giving you my answer now.
- Let's concentrate on the matter in hand for now, and leave other issues till later.
- Police are treating the matter as a murder enquiry.
- She always arranges matters to suit herself.
- She refused to let the matter rest.
- She was a great source of knowledge on matters relating to nutrition.
- Speak to your manager if you need help on this matter.
- The incident is definitely a matter for the police.
- The matter will be raised at our next meeting.
- The question of his innocence is a weighty matter for this court.
- The rest of the meeting was taken up by routine matters.
- The safety of his family was no laughing matter.
- They talk mostly about work and related matters.
- They've agreed in theory, but now we need to discuss practical matters.
- To make matters worse, my friend then lost her keys.
- We discussed the matter of whether or not to hire a bus.
- composed entirely of organic matter
- 'I think this is the best so far.' 'Well, that's a matter of opinion.
- And that is the crux of the matter.
- And then there's the little matter of the fifty pounds you owe me.
- I did not feel that we had got to the heart of the matter.
- I wasn't prepared to let the matter drop.
- It's a private matter.
- Just as a matter of interest, how much did you pay for it?
- Let's get on with the matter in hand.
- She didn't approve of their choice of reading matter.
- She resigned over a matter of principle.
- Some people prefer the older version to the newer one. It's a matter of taste.
- That's a matter for you to take up with your boss.
- That's not a problem. It's simply a matter of letting people know in time.
- The behaviour of matter can be quantified by measures such as weight.
- The government must deal with this as a matter of urgency.
- The researchers found evidence of dark matter extending beyond the visible galaxies.
- The soil is rich in organic matter.
- There were small lumps of matter floating on the surface.
- the elimination of waste matter from the body

**Idioms:** ↑a different matter ▪ ↑as a matter of fact ▪ ↑for that matter ▪ ↑it's just a matter of time ▪ matter of course ▪ matter of hours/minutes ▪ matter of inches/metres ▪ ↑matter of life and death ▪ ↑matter of record ▪ ↑no matter ▪ no matter who/what/where

**verb intransitive, transitive** (not used in the progressive tenses)

to be important or have an important effect on sb/sth

- ~ **(to sb)** The children matter more to her than anything else in the world.
- 'What did you say?' 'Oh, it doesn't matter' (= it is not important enough to repeat) .'
- 'I'm afraid I forgot that book again.' 'It doesn't matter (= it is not important enough to worry about) .'
- **What does it matter** if I spent \$100 on it— it's my money!
- As long as you're happy, that's **all that matters** .
- After his death, nothing seemed to matter any more.
- He's been in prison, you know— **not that it matters** (= that information does not affect my opinion of him) .
- ~ **(to sb) who, what, etc...** Does it really matter who did it?
- **It doesn't matter** to me what you do.
- ~ **(to sb) that...** It didn't matter that the weather was bad.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	matter
	BrE / 'mæɪə(r)/
	NAmE / 'mæɪər/
he / she /it	matters
	BrE / 'mæɪəz/
	NAmE / 'mæɪərz/
past simple, past participle	mattered
	BrE / 'mæɪəd/
	NAmE / 'mæɪərd/

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### Example Bank:

- It didn't matter to her that he was blind.
- It doesn't matter about the mess.
- It doesn't matter one whit what their ethnic background is.
- She could find a job. It hardly mattered what.
- Somehow it didn't seem to matter much any more.
- These things matter a lot to young children.

## matter

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I. **mat** **ter**<sup>1</sup> **S1** **W1** /'mætə \$ -ər/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: matere, from Latin materia 'matter, substance', from mater 'mother']

1. **SUBJECT/SITUATION** [countable] a subject or situation that you have to think about or deal with:

" There are important matters we need to discuss.

**matter for**

" The legal arrangements for the sale are a matter for negotiation.

### REGISTER

**Matter** is used especially in formal or official contexts. In everyday English, people usually use **subject**, or just say **it**:

" I've talked to him about **the matter**. → I've talked to him about **it**.

2. **matters** [plural] a situation that you are in or have been describing:

" Maybe some of these suggestions will help to improve matters.

" Matters can be more easily sorted out once you get to the resort.

" His long absences **didn't help matters** (=made the situation worse).

**to make matters worse** (=used to say that something makes a bad situation worse)

" The team has lost the last two games and, to make matters worse, two of its best players are injured.

**to complicate matters further** (=used to say that something makes a complicated situation more complicated)

" To complicate matters further, the law on this issue has been changed.

3. **MATERIAL** [uncountable]

a) the material that everything in the universe is made of, including solids, liquids, and gases:

" particles of matter

b) **waste/solid/organic/vegetable etc matter** a substance that consists of waste material, solid material etc

c) a yellow or white substance in wounds or next to your eye

4. **as a matter of fact** *spoken* used when adding more details about what you have just said:

" 'Have you had many visitors yet?' 'No, as a matter of fact you're the first.'

" I knew him when we were in college – as a matter of fact we were on the same course. ⇨ ↑**matter-of-fact**

5. **what's the matter?/something's the matter/nothing's the matter etc** *spoken* used to ask or talk about why someone seems worried, unhappy, or ill, why something about a situation seems wrong, or why a machine seems not to be working properly:

" What's the matter? You look as though you've been crying.

" 'Is something the matter?' 'Just a headache – I'll be fine in a minute.'

" You look worried. Is there anything the matter?

" What's the matter with Bill?

" What's the matter with your eye? It looks red.

" I know something's the matter. You're frightened of something.

" Nothing's the matter, honestly, I'm fine.

" There was nothing the matter with it (=it was all right) when I lent it to him.

" She had something the matter with her back.

6. **the truth/fact of the matter is (that)** *spoken* used when saying what you think is really true concerning a situation:

" The truth of the matter is that we don't know exactly how the disease is spread.

7. **for that matter** used to say that what you are saying about one thing is also true about something else:

" Ben nevertouched beer, or any kind of alcohol for that matter.

" He's an artist who has never been as well-known here, or for that matter as well-respected, as he has been in the USA.

8. **be (quite) a different matter** (also **be (quite) another matter**) *especially British English* used to say that a situation or action is very different from the one you have just mentioned, and may not be as easy, pleasant etc:

" She didn't mind seeing him in a group but an intimate dinner in a restaurant was another matter altogether.

9. **take matters into your own hands** to deal with a problem yourself because other people have failed to deal with it:

" Local people took matters into their own hands and hired their own security guards.

10. **it's only/just a matter of time** used to say that something will definitely happen in the future:

" It can only be a matter of time before someone is seriously injured.

11. **a matter of life and/or death** a situation that is extremely serious or important, especially one in which someone could die:

" The quality of the ambulance service is a matter of life and death.

" Can't it wait? It's hardly a matter of life or death, is it?

12. **be a matter of opinion** used to say that people have different opinions about something, especially when you yourself have a negative opinion:

" Whether or not he is any good as a manager is a matter of opinion.

13. **be a matter of (personal) taste/choice/preference** used to say that different people like different things:

" I can't say which wine is best – it's a matter of personal taste.

14. **be a matter of principle** to be something that you feel you must or must not do, because of your moral principles:

" She couldn't take the money. It was a matter of principle.

15. **be a matter of doing something** used to say that an action involves doing something

be simply/largely/merely etc a matter of doing something

Reducing the number of road deaths is not simply a matter of improving roads.

16. **a matter of seconds/weeks/hours etc** only a few seconds, weeks etc:

The ambulance arrived in a matter of minutes.

The bullet missed his head by a matter of inches.

17. **as a matter of something** because of a particular belief or quality:

He invited her as a matter of courtesy.

As a matter of fairness, he should be allowed to give his version of events.

18. **as a matter of interest** *British English spoken* used when you ask or tell someone something that interests you but is not important:

Just as a matter of interest, which school did you go to?

19. **as a matter of urgency** if something is done or should be done as a matter of urgency, it is done or should be done very soon:

That procedure should be streamlined as a matter of urgency.

20. **as a matter of course/routine** if something is done as a matter of course or routine, it is the correct and usual thing to do in a particular situation:

We will contact your former employer as a matter of course.

21. **no matter how/whether/what etc** (also **no matter the ...**) used to say that something is true or that something happens whatever the situation is:

Feeding a baby is a messy job no matter how careful you are.

I'm determined to visit Japan no matter what it costs.

He visited her every day no matter the weather.

22. **no matter what** *spoken* used to say that you will definitely do something:

I'll call you tonight, no matter what.

23. **no matter** *spoken formal or old-fashioned* used to say that something is not important and will not affect a situation:

'I'm afraid I forgot to bring a towel.' 'No matter, I've got one you can borrow.'

24. **it's a matter of fact (that)** used to say that something is a fact:

It's a matter of fact that the team have not performed as well this season.

25. **the little/small matter of something** *spoken* something that is not important or not difficult – used when you really think something is important or difficult:

He seemed unworried by the small matter of the war that was in progress.

There's the small matter of tonight's game if we are to reach the finals.

26. **no matter that** used to say that something is not important and will not affect a situation:

I would always be an outsider here – no matter that I spoke fluent Spanish.

27. **reading/printed etc matter** things that are written for people to read:

As well as textbooks and other printed matter, courses may include video and audio cassettes.

⇒ ↑grey matter, ↑subject matter, ⇒ not mince matters at ↑mince<sup>1</sup>(3), ⇒ mind over matter at ↑mind<sup>1</sup>(43)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **a serious/important matter** It is a very serious matter to mislead the police.
- **an urgent matter** (=something that needs to be dealt with quickly)
- **a weighty matter** (=an important matter) I was surprised that this weighty matter was decided so quickly.
- **a small/trivial matter** (=a matter that is not important) Walking out over such a small matter may seem ridiculous.
- **a simple/easy matter** (=something that is easy to do) Putting together the bookcases is a fairly simple matter.
- **a personal/private matter** We never spoke about personal matters.
- **a financial/legal/religious etc matter** This is a legal matter and should be discussed with a solicitor.
- **a practical matter** He wrote to him several times about practical matters to do with the house.

### ■ verbs

- **discuss the matter** She refused to discuss the matter.
- **raise the matter (with somebody)** (=discuss something with someone) If you need further training, raise the matter with your manager.
- **consider the matter** (=think about something)
- **settle/resolve the matter** (=decide something) They are meeting tonight to settle the matter.
- **pursue the matter** (=keep discussing or asking about something) She decided not to pursue the matter, as it obviously upset him.
- **investigate the matter** (=try to find out the truth about something) The police said they were investigating the matter.
- **let the matter rest/drop** (=stop discussing or worrying about something) I was too curious to let the matter drop.

### ■ phrases

- **a matter of importance** (=something important) He consulted her on all matters of importance.
- **a matter of concern** (=something that concerns people) Safety standards in the industry have become a matter of concern.
- **a matter for debate/negotiation/discussion** (=something to be debated/negotiated etc) How to solve the housing crisis is a matter for debate.
- **a matter for speculation/conjecture** (=something people discuss and wonder about) His future had become a matter for speculation.
- **be a matter for somebody (to decide)** (=be something that a particular person should decide) This is a matter for the judge.
- **the matter at hand** (also **the matter in hand** *British English*) (=the thing you are dealing with now) Do not let yourself be distracted from the matter in hand.
- **be no laughing matter** (=be something serious and important, though it might seem funny) A doctor's bad handwriting is no laughing matter, because it can lead to errors.

▪ **the heart/crux of the matter** (=the most important part of something) The crux of the matter is: how do we prevent these floods from happening again?

▪ **matters arising from/out of something** (=things connected with or caused by a particular event) Are there any matters arising from the report which you wish to discuss?

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## THESAURUS

### ■ a solid or liquid substance

▪ **material** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a substance, especially one that can be used for making things: building materials |

The island has to import oil and other raw materials (=materials used for making things). | radioactive material

▪ **substance** *noun* [countable] a type of material such as a chemical or a mineral: The green colour of the leaf is due to a substance called chlorophyll. | Dioxin is one of the most toxic substances known to man.

▪ **matter** *noun* [uncountable] *formal* a type of substance – used especially in the following phrases: waste matter from the body | It is important to add plenty of organic matter to the soil. | People throw away lots of vegetable matter.

▪ **stuff** *noun* [uncountable] *informal* a substance - used especially when you do not know exactly what it is: What's that sticky stuff on the floor?

## II. **matter**<sup>2</sup> **S1 W3 BrE** <sup>AmE</sup> *verb*

1. [intransitive not in progressive] to be important, especially to be important to you, or to have an effect on what happens

**it doesn't etc matter if**

▪ Will it matter if I'm a little late?

▪ If I have to stay late at work tonight, it won't matter because we can go out another night.

**it doesn't etc matter who/why/what etc**

▪ It doesn't matter what you wear, as long as you look neat and tidy.

▪ Does it matter what I think?

**it doesn't etc matter that**

▪ It does not matter that the gun was in fact unloaded.

▪ Do you think it matters that the cups and saucers don't match?

**it doesn't matter about something**

▪ Just give me \$5 – it doesn't matter about the rest.

**matter to**

▪ He had lost many of the people who mattered to him.

**matter a lot/a great deal**

▪ It mattered a great deal to her what other people thought of her.

**not matter much/matter little**

▪ I don't think it matters much what you study.

▪ campaigning on issues that really matter

**all that matters/the only thing that matters**

▪ All that matters is that you're safe.

▪ Money was the only thing that mattered to him.

▪ I don't care what it looks like – what matters is that it works.

▪ At last she was with the man she loved and nothing else mattered.

▪ She said very little during the meal. Not that it mattered (=it was not important).

2. **it doesn't matter** *spoken*

a) used to tell someone that you are not angry or upset about something, especially something that they have done:

▪ 'I've spilled some coffee on the carpet.' 'It doesn't matter.'

b) used to say that you do not mind which one of two things you have:

▪ 'Red or white wine?' 'Oh, either. It doesn't matter.'

3. **what does it matter?** *spoken* used to say that something is not important:

▪ It all happened so long ago now, what does it matter?

▪ What does it matter how old I am?

## matter

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