Confusing words exercise: mind, care, matter

The words care, mind and matter are often confused. See if you can use them correctly with this grammar exercise.

1. She looked as if she didn’t have a .................. in the world.
   a) mind
   b) care

2. I don’t .................. what happens.
   a) care
   b) matter

3. Would you .................. my coming in late?
   a) mind
   b) care
   c) matter

4. Do you .................. if I look at your paper?
   a) mind
   b) care
   c) matter

5. I don’t .................. whether it rains – I’m happy.
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6. It doesn’t ................. how much it costs. I really want it.
   a) matter
   b) mind
   c) care

7. There is nothing the ................. with you. You are just tired.
   a) matter
   b) mind
   c) care

8. As usual, money was at the heart of the .................
   a) matter
   b) mind
   c) care

9. What really ................. is how you use your time.
   a) matters
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b) cares

10. I don’t ..................... what you think.
   a) care
   b) matter

Answers

1. She looked as if she didn’t have a care in the world.

2. I don’t care what happens.

3. Would you mind my coming in late?

4. Do you mind if I look at your paper?

5. I don’t care whether it rains – I’m happy.

6. It doesn’t matter how much it costs. I really want it.

7. There is nothing the matter with you. You are just tired.

8. As usual, money was at the heart of the matter.

9. What really matters is how you use your time.

10. I don’t care what you think.