Dan
Hi, everyone! Dan for BBC Learning English here. Today we're going to talk about 'don't mind' and 'doesn't matter'.

The verb mind means 'dislike, be annoyed by or object to'. It's followed by (verb)ing and often used in negatives and questions. For example: Do you mind opening the window?

Sam
No, I don't mind.

Dan
If someone says 'I don't mind', it means that they have no preference or that they are happy for something to happen.

However, the verb matter in English can mean 'be important'. 'English matters,' means 'English is important'. If we say 'it doesn't matter', it means that the thing that we are talking about is not important or not significant. Do you want tea or coffee?

Sam
It doesn't matter.

Dan
OK! Sometimes they can both mean the same thing.

Sam
Do you want chicken for dinner?

Dan
I don't mind.

Sam
Do you want chicken for dinner?

Dan
It doesn't matter to me.