

caress

1. [kə'res] *n*
 ласка; проявление нежности
 to respond to the caress - ответить на ласку
 to shower caresses upon smb. - осыпать кого-л. знаками внимания

2. [kə'res] *v*
 ласкать; гладить
 to caress the ear - ласкать слух
 she caressed her child - она ласкала своего ребёнка
 she caressed the boy's cheek - она погладила /потрепала/ мальчика по щеке
 half caressing, half coercing his subjects - воздействуя на своих подданных то лаской, то принуждением

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ca·ress [caress caresses caressed caressing] **verb, noun** *BrE* [kə'res] ⁴ *NAmE* [kə'res] ⁴
verb ~ **sb/sth**

to touch sb/sth gently, especially in a sexual way or in a way that shows affection
 • His fingers caressed the back of her neck.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	caress
	BrE /kə'res/
	NAmE /kə'res/
he / she / it	caresses
	BrE /kə'resɪz/
	NAmE /kə'resɪz/
past simple, past participle	caressed
	BrE /kə'rest/
	NAmE /kə'rest/
-ing form	caressing
	BrE /kə'resɪŋ/
	NAmE /kə'resɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from French **caresser** (verb), **caresse** (noun), from Italian **carezza**, based on Latin **carus** 'dear'.

Example Bank:

- His fingers gently caressed her cheek.

noun

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Example Bank:

- the kisses and caresses of lovers

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I. **caress**¹ /kə'res/ *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁴ **verb** [transitive]

1. **especially literary** to touch someone gently in a way that shows you love them **SYN stroke**:
 His hands gently caressed her body.
2. **literary** to touch something gently, in a way that seems pleasant or romantic:
 Waves caressed the shore.

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THESAURUS

■ **touch somebody gently or lovingly**

- **stroke** to move your hand gently over something, especially in a loving way: She stroked the child's hair. | Our cat won't let people stroke him.
- **pat** to touch an animal or child lightly several times, with your hand flat: He knelt down to pat the dog. | She patted the little boy's head.
- **pet** to touch and move your hand gently over someone, especially an animal or child: The goats, pigs, sheep, and cows here allow you to pet them.
- **caress** /kə'res/ to gently touch a part of someone's body in a loving way: a mother caressing her child | She caressed his cheek.
- **fondle** to touch a part of someone's body in a loving or sexual way – use this especially about touching someone in a sexual way that is not wanted: He tried to fondle her and she immediately pulled away from him.

II. **caress**² *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁴ **noun** [countable] **especially literary**

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: caresse, from Italian carezza, from caro 'dear', from Latin carus; ⇒ ↑charity]

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