caretaker

care-taker [caretaker caretakers] noun, adjective BrE ['keəteɪkə(r)] *NAmE* ['kerteɪkər]

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1. (BrE) (NAmE, ScotE **jani·tor**) (NAmE also **cus·to·dian**) a person whose job is to take care of a building such as a school or a block of flats or an apartment building

- 2. (especially NAmE) a person who takes care of a house or land while the owner is away
- 3. (especially NAmE) a person such as a teacher, parent, nurse, etc, who takes care of other people

adjective only before noun

in charge for a short time, until a new leader or government is chosen

• a caretaker manager /government

See also: [†]custodian = [†]janitor

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care tak er /'kee,teike \$ 'ker,teiker/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

- 1. British English someone whose job is to look after a building, especially a school SYN janitor American English
- 2. someone who looks after a house or land while the person who owns it is not there

3. caretaker manager /government /boss etc a manager, government etc that is in charge for a short period of time until another manager or government is chosen

4. American English someone who looks after other people, especially a teacher, parent, nurse etc SYN carer British English

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