

**babysit**

**baby-sit** [ˈbæbɪsɪt] <sup>BrE</sup> [ˈbeɪbɪsɪt] <sup>NAme</sup> <sup>NAme</sup>  
 [ˈbeɪbɪsɪt] <sup>NAme</sup> verb (baby-sit-ting, baby-sat, baby-sat) (also **sit**, intransitive, transitive)

to take care of babies or children for a short time while their parents are out

- ~ (for sb) She regularly babysits for us.
- ~ sb He's babysitting the neighbour's children.

Derived Word ↑babysitting

See also: ↑sit

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	babysit
	BrE / ˈbeɪbɪsɪt/
	NAme / ˈbeɪbɪsɪt/
he / she / it	babysits
	BrE / ˈbeɪbɪsɪts/
	NAme / ˈbeɪbɪsɪts/
past simple, past participle	babysat
	BrE / ˈbeɪbɪsæt/
	NAme / ˈbeɪbɪsæt/
-ing form	babysitting
	BrE / ˈbeɪbɪsɪtɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈbeɪbɪsɪtɪŋ/

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**ba** [by] /sɪt/ ˈbeɪbɪsɪt/ <sup>BrE</sup> <sup>NAme</sup> <sup>NAme</sup> verb (past tense and past participle **babysat** /-sæt/, present participle **babysitting**) [intransitive and transitive]

to take care of children while their parents are away for a short time

—**babysitting** *noun* [uncountable]:

• a babysitting service

—**babysitter** *noun* [countable]

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**THESAURUS**

- **take care of somebody** (also **look after somebody** especially *British English*) to make sure a child or an old or sick person is safe and has the things they need: I have to look after my little brother. | Taking care of a baby is hard work. | She is taking care of her grandmother while her grandfather is in hospital.
- **care for somebody** to take care of someone. **Care for somebody** is less common and more formal than **take care of/look after somebody**: He was cared for by a team of nurses. | Caring for an elderly relative can be very rewarding.
- **nurse** to look after someone who is ill: He nursed his wife through a long illness. | The monks nursed him back to health (=looked after him until he was well again).
- **babysit** to look after children in the evening while their parents go out somewhere: I'll ask Jane to babysit on Wednesday night. | He used to babysit for Mary when she worked nights.
- **mind** *British English* to look after a child while their parents are not there, especially for a short time: Will you mind the baby while I go to the shop?

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