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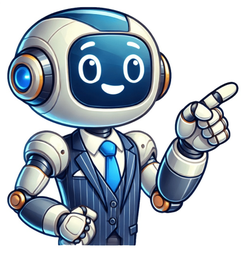

Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to much: much less, Much Ado About Nothing (mch)adj. more (mr), most (mst) Great in quantity, degree, or extent: not much rain; much affection.n.1. A large quantity or amount: Much has been written.2. Something great or remarkable: The campus wasn't much to look at.adv. more, most 1. To a great degree or extent: much smarter.2. Just about; almost: much the same.3. Frequently; often: doesn't get out much.Idiom: as much Almost the same: I thought as much. She said as much.American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (mt) determiner1. a. (usually used with a negative) a great quantity or degree of: there isn't much honey left. b. (as pronoun): much has been learned from this. 2. a bit much informal rather excessive3. as much exactly that: I suspected as much when I heard. 4. make much of See make of45. not much of not to any appreciable degree or extent: he's not much of an actor really. 6. not up to much informal of a low standard: this beer is not up to much. 7. think much of (used with a negative) to have a high opinion of: I don't think much of his behaviour. adv8. considerably: they're much better now. 9. practically; nearly (esp in the phrase much the same)10. (usually used with a negative) often; a great deal: it doesn't happen much in this country. 11. much as as much as even though; although: much as I'd like to, I can't come. adj (predicative; usually used with a negative) impressive or important: this car isn't much. [Old English mycel; related to Old English micel great, Old Saxon mikil, Gothic mikils; compare also Latin magnus, Greek megas]Collins English Dictionary Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (mt) adj. more, most, adj. 1. great in quantity, measure, or degree: too much cake. n., pron. 2. a great quantity, measure, or degree: There wasn't much to do. 3. a great, important, or notable thing or matter: not much to look at. adv. 4. to a great extent or degree: to talk too much. 5. nearly, approximately, or about: much like the others. 6. much as, a. almost to the same degree as: Babies need love, much as they need food. b. however much: Much as I'd like to go, I can't. [11501200; Middle English muche, apocopated variant of muchel, Old English mycel; c. Old Saxon mikil, Old High German michil, Old Norse mikill (compare mickle), akin to Greek mgas large, Skt mhi great] Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved.1. 'very much'You use very much to say that something is true to a great extent.When very much is used with a transitive verb, it usually goes after the object. Don't use it immediately after the verb. Don't say, for example, 'I enjoyed very much the party'. Say 'I enjoyed the party very much'.Be Careful!In positive sentences, don't use much without very. Don't say, for example, 'I enjoyed it much' or 'We much agree' Say 'I enjoyed it very much' or 'We very much agree'.In negative sentences, you can use much without 'very'.The situation is not likely to change much.2. 'much' meaning 'often'You can also use much in negative sentences and questions to mean 'often'.She doesn't talk about them much.Be Careful!Don't use 'much' in positive sentences to mean 'often'. Don't say, for example, 'He comes here much'.Many other words and expressions can be used to indicate degree.3. used with comparativesYou often use much or very much in front of comparative adjectives and adverbs. For example, if you want to emphasize the difference in size between two things, you can say that one thing is much bigger or very much bigger than the other.She was much older than me.Now I can work much more quickly.Much more and very much more can be used in front of a noun to emphasize the difference between two quantities or amounts.She needs much more time to finish the job.We had much more fun than we expected.4. 'much too'You use much too in front of an adjective to say that something cannot be done or achieved because someone or something has too much of a quality.The bedrooms were much too cold.The price is much too high for me.Be Careful!In sentences like these you put much in front of too, not after it. Don't say, for example, 'The bedrooms were too much cold'.5. used as a determinerYou use much in front of an uncountable noun to talk about a large quantity or amount of something. Much is usually used like this in negative sentences, in questions, or after too, so, or as.I don't think there is much risk involved.Is this going to make much difference?The President has too much power.My only ambition is to make as much money as possible.In positive sentences, a lot of is usually used instead of 'much', especially in conversation and less formal writing.There is a lot of risk involved in what he's doing.In more formal writing, much is sometimes used, especially before abstract nouns such as discussion, debate, or attention.Much emphasis has been placed on equality of opportunity in education.6. 'much of'In front of it, this, or that, use much of, not 'much'.We saw a film but I don't remember much of it.Much of this is already possible.You also use much of in front of a noun phrase which begins with a determiner, such as the or a, or a possessive, such as my or his.Much of the food was vegetarian.Carla spends much of her time helping other people.In positive sentences, a lot of is usually used instead of 'much of', especially in conversation and less formal writing.She spends a lot of her free time reading.7. used as a pronounYou can use much as a pronoun to refer to a large quantity or amount of something.Much has been learned about how the brain works.Be Careful!You don't usually use 'much' as an object pronoun in positive sentences. Instead you use a lot. For example, don't say 'He knows much about butterflies'. Say 'He knows a lot about butterflies'.She talks a lot about music.I've learned a lot from him.8. 'how much'You use how much when you are asking the price of something.I like that dress how much is it?Be Careful!Don't use 'much' or 'much of' with plural countable nouns, to talk about a large number of people or things. Use many or many of.Collins COBUILD English Usage HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012 Noun1.much - a great amount or extent; "they did much for humanity"Adj.1.much - (quantifier used with mass nouns) great in quantity or degree or extent; "not much rain"; "much affection"; "much grain is in storage"more, more than - (comparative of `much' used with mass nouns) a quantifier meaning greater in size or amount or extent or degree; "more land"; "more support"; "more rain fell"; "more than a gallon"slight, little - (quantifier used with mass nouns) small in quantity or degree; not much or almost none or (with `a') at least some; "little rain fell in May"; "gave it little thought"; "little time is left"; "we still have little money"; "a little hope remained"; "there's slight chance that it will work"; "there's a slight chance it will work"Adv.1.much - to a great degree or extent; "she's much better now"2.much - very; "he was much annoyed"3.much - to a very great degree or extent; "I feel a lot better"; "we enjoyed ourselves very much"; "she was very much interested"; "this would help a great deal"a good deal, a great deal, a lot, lots, very much4.much - (degree adverb used before a noun phrase) for all practical purposes but not completely; "much the same thing happened every time"; "practically everything in Hinduism is the manifestation of a god"5.much - frequently or in great quantities; "I don't drink much"; "I don't travel much"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.adverb1. greatly, a lot, considerably, decidedly, exceedingly, appreciably My hairstyle has never changed much. greatly hardly, slightly, barely, not much, only just, scarcely, not a lotdeterminer1. great, a lot of, plenty of, considerable, substantial, piles of (informal), ample, abundant, copious, oodles of (informal), plenteous, sizable or sizeable amount They are grown in full sun, without much water. great little, inadequate, insufficient, scantpronoun1. a lot, plenty, a great deal, lots (informal), masses (informal), loads (informal), tons (informal), heaps (informal), a good deal, an appreciable amount There was so much to talk about. a lot little, very little, not much, not a lot, next to nothing, hardly anything, practically nothingQuotations"much of a muchness" [John Vanburgh & Colley Cibber The Provok'd Husband]Collins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002nounA great deal:abundance, mass, mountain, plenty, profusion, wealth, world.Informal: barrel, heap, lot, pack, peck, pile.adverbThe American Heritage Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. mnohoplitakvelmizdalekamegetlangtlige s megetmangemegenbeaucoupbeaucoup demaintmoultune bonne partielang-, langsamlega; miklu-mikillmikill, mikimjg , afskaplegamoltomolto buonomolto spessoparecchiotroppobeveik toks patsbti menkambti ne kain kokiambti pernelyg geros nuomons apiebti pernelyg sunkiamcik dauzdaudzliel mroti dauztikpat daudzbyk miktar eybyk ldeok ok geokafazla [mt]B. ADVERB1. (= a lot) mucho; (before pp) muyshe doesn't go out much no sale muchoit doesn't much matter; it doesn't matter much no importa muchoI much regret that siento mucho que ...it won't finish much before midnight no terminar mucho antes de la media nochemuch better mucho mejorhe's much richer than I am or than me es mucho ms rico que yomuch pleased muy satisfechomuch as I would like to go a pesar de que me gustara mucho ir, aunque me gustara mucho irmuch as I should like to por mucho que quisieramuch as I like him aunque or a pesar de que me gusta muchomuch as he hated the idea a pesar de lo que odiaba la idea ...much as I respect her ideas, I still think she's wrong a pesar de que respeto mucho sus ideas or aunque respeto mucho sus ideas, creo que est equivocadahowever much he tries por mucho que se esfuerceI hardly know her, much less her mother apenas la conozco, y mucho menos a su madrenot much no muchothank you (ever) so much muchsimas gracias, muy agradecidoI feel ever so much better me siento muchsimo mejormuch though I like him por mucho que l me gustemuch though he hated the idea, he knew that a pesar de lo que odiaba la idea, saba que ...he had reservations about the scheme, much though he valued Alison's opinions tena sus dudas respecto al plan, a pesar de que valoraba mucho las opiniones de Alisonmuch to my astonishment para gran sorpresa mahe talks too much habla demasiadovery much muchoI enjoyed myself very much me divert muchoCollins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1971, 1988 HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005 [mt] adv beaucoupDo you go out much? Tu sors beaucoup?I don't like sport much Je n'aime pas beaucoup le sport.I feel much better now Je me sens beaucoup mieux maintenant.very much beaucoupI enjoyed the film very much J'ai beaucoup apprci le film.Thank you very much Merci beaucoup.I like it very much J'aime beaucoup a.I like it so much j'aime tellement amuch to my amazement ... mon grand tonnement ...Collins English/French Electronic Resource. HarperCollins Publishers 2005 adj, n too much (in quantity, money etc, inf: = more than one can take) zu viel inv; (with emphatic too) zu viel; (inf) (= marvellous, hilarious) Spitze (sl); (= ridiculous) das Letzte (inf); to be too much for somebody (in quantity) zu viel fr jdn sein; (= too expensive) jdm zu viel or zu teuer sein; that insult was too much for me die Beleidigung ging mir zu weit; the sight of her face was too much for me (inf, = outrageous) ihr Gesicht war zum Schreien (inf); hes just too much (inf: = hilarious) er ist zum Schieen (inf); these children are/this job is too much for me ich bin den Kindern/der Arbeit nicht gewachsen; hed be too much for anybody er wre fr jeden eine Zumutung; he doesnt do too much er tut nicht bermig viel; far too much, too much by half viel zu viel so much so viel inv; (emph so, with following that) so viel; its not so much a problem of modernization as es ist nicht so sehr ein Problem der Modernisierung, als ; you know so much du weit so viel ? also so to make much of somebody/something viel Wind um jdn/etw machen; Glasgow makes much of its large number of parks Glasgow rhmt sich seiner vielen Parks; I couldnt make much of that chapter mit dem Kapitel konnte ich nicht viel anfangen (inf) adv (with adj, adv) viel; (with vb) sehr; (with vb of physical action) drive, sleep, think, talk, laugh etc viel; come, visit, go out etc oft, viel (inf); a much-admired/-married woman eine viel bewunderte/oft verheiratete Frau; he was much dismayed/embarrassed etc er war sehr bestrzt/verlegen etc; so much so viel; so sehr; too much zu viel, zu sehr; I like it very/so much es gefllt mir sehr gut/so gut or so sehr; I dont like him/it too much ich kann ihn/es nicht besonders leiden; thank you very much vielen Dank; thank you (ever) so much vielen herzlichen Dank; I dont much care or care much es ist mir ziemlich egal; however much he tries sosehr or wie sehr er sich auch bemht; much to my astonishment sehr zu meinem Erstaunen; much as I should like to so gern ich mchte; much as I like him sosehr ich ihn mag; there wasnt enough water to drink, much less wash in es gab nicht genug Wasser zu trinken, ganz zu schweigen, um sich damit zu waschen ? also so (= almost) beinahe; they are much of an age or much the same age sie sind fast or beinahe gleichaltrig; theyre (fairly) much the same size sie sind beinahe or so ziemlich gleich gro; they are produced in much the same way sie werden auf sehr hnliche Art hergestelltCollins German Dictionary Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007 (mat) comparative more (mo) : superlative most (moust) adjective a (great) amount or quantity of. This job won't take much effort; I found it without much difficulty; How much sugar is there left?; There's far too much salt in my soup; He ate so much ice-cream that he was sick; Take as much money as you need; After much discussion they decided to go. baie, veel muito mnoho viel megen; meget; mange mucho palju paljon beaucoup (de) mnogo sok banyak mikill, miki molto, tanto , daug, daugelis, didelis daudz banyak veelmyeduo muito mult; mare vea mnogo mnogo mycket, mycken ok nhiu pronoun a large amount; a great deal. He didn't say much about it; Much of this trouble could have been prevented; Did you eat much?; not much; too much; as much as I wanted; How much did you eat?; Only this/that / so much; How much is (= What is the price of) that fish?; Please tidy your room it isn't much to ask. veel : muito mnoho viel meget mucho palju paljon beaucoup mnogo sok, sok(at), ennyi, annyi, mennyi? banyak mikill, miki molto daug daudz; cik daudz banyak veelmyeduo, wiele muito mult vea mnogo mnogo mycket byk miktar ey nhiu adverb1. (by) a great deal; (by) far. She's much prettier than I am; He isn't much older than you; How much further must we walk?; much more easily; He's much the best person to ask. veel muito mnohem, zdaleka viel meget; langt mucho palju, kindlalt paljon beaucoup mnogo sokkal; mennyivel? jauh lebih lang-, langsamlega; miklu-molto , daug, ymiai, tikrai daudz jauh lebih veel, verrewegmye; absolutt, langt znacznie, o wiele muito mult; de la distan , ovea; zaleka mnogo mnogo mycket, absolut byk lde, ok nhiu; lm 2. to a great extent or degree. He will be much missed; We don't see her much; I thanked her very much; much too late; I've much too much to do; The accident was as much my fault as his. Much to my dismay, she began to cry. baie, hartlik, veel muito velmi, pli, tak sehr meget; alt for meget; lige s meget mucho palju paljon beaucoup, trs previe nagyon sangat mjg (miki), afskaplega molto, tanto , (...) dideliu mastu, labai oti daudz; tikpat daudz; liel mr sangat veel, zeer mye, stort; til min store... w duym stopniu, czsto, bardzo muito mult; foarte vemi; tak zelo, mnogo mnogo mycket, storligen, [till min] stora [frfran] ok ok ge; ok, pek phn ln be not much of a to be not a very good thing of a particular kind. I'm not much of a photographer; That wasn't much of a lecture. nie veel van 'n no ser muito nebt njak zvltn (v) kein(e) besonders gute(r) ... sein ikke (vre) nogen srlig no ser muy bueno en mitte kuigi hea olema ei olla kovinkaan erikoinen ne pas tre extraordinaire comme - ne previe nem sokat r, nem valami nagy... tidak begitu baik ekki mikill, ekkert srstakur (non essere un gran che come) bti ne kain kokiam nebt pai labam; nebt kam seviam tidak begitu baik niet veel voorstellen als ikke vre mye til ..., ikke vre stort skryte av by nie najlepszym, kiepskim no ser muito de a nu fi cine tie ce neby prli dobr ne biti kaj prida bogznata inte vara ngn (ngt) vidare pek iyi olmamak () khng hon ton be not up to much to be not very good. The dinner wasn't up to much. nie baie goed nie no ser grande coisa nestt za moc nicht besonders sein ikke (vre) noget srligt no valer gran cosa mitte kuigi hea olema ei olla kovinkaan hyv ne pas valoir grand-chose nedovoljan nem sokat r tidak begitu baik vera ekki merkilegur, ekkert srstakur (non essere gran che) bti menkam, prastam nebt kam paam betul-betul niet veel voorstellen ikke vre noe srlig/noe strre by niczym szczeglnym no ser grande coisa nest za vea ne biti kaj prida ne tako dobra inte vara ngt vidare ok iyi olmamak khng tt lm be too much for to overwhelm; to be too difficult etc for. Is the job too much for you? te moeilik ser demasiado para bt pespli pro zu viel sein fr (vre) for meget for . ser demasiado para liiga raske olema olla liikaa jollekin dpasser previe tl sok vkinek terlalu sulit vera (e-m) ofvia essere troppo per bti pernelyg sunkiam, ne pagal jgas nebt pa spkam terlalu sulit te veel zijn voor vre/bli for mye for by ponad siy ser demasiado para a fi prea mult/greu by privea na biti preteko suvie vara fr mycket fr ok zor rt kh khn make much of1. to make a fuss of (a person) or about (a thing). verknies fazer sentido de pli toho nadlat z viel Wesens machen um gre meget ud af . . dar mucha importancia a algo (liialdatult) hoolt kandma paisutella faire grand cas de , smatrati vanim nagy dolgot csinl vmibl merepotkan gera miki r fare grande caso a pernelyg pabrti/auktinti bt augsts doms; noemties (ar...) menyulitkan veel werk maken van gjre mye ut av, gjre stas p robi wiele haasu o, przesadza z fazer sentido de a face (mare) caz de /-. robi si prli vea z pretiravati dii prainu fjska fr, gra stor sak av abartmak, bytmek () lm ri rt ln 2. to make sense of; to understand. I couldn't make much of the film. verstaan, begryp fazer sentido de pochopit mnoho z viel anfangen mit f meget ud af comprender, entender sotti saama ymmrt comprendre posveivati panju (meg)rt memahami skilja comprendere suprasti saprast memahami begrijpen f noe/mye ut av poj fazer sentido de a nelege, a pricepe pochopi vea z razumeti razumeti f ut mycket av anlamak hiu much as although. Much as I should like to come, I can't. hoewel, nieteenstaande por mais que akoli so gern wie hvor meget end , por mucho que kuidas ka niin mielelln kuin bien que kao da brmennyire ... is walaupun jafnvel .{{TH}}.{{TH}}. per quanto ... kad ir labai, nors lai gan walaupun hoe graag ... ook selv om... chocia por mais que chiar dac akokovek eprav iako hur mycket [jag] n iyice ...-meme ramen , mc d much the same not very different. The patient's condition is still much the same. dieselfde, onverbeterd na mesma skoro stejn ungefhr gleich stort set det samme ms o menos igual peaaegu sama paljolti muuttumaton presque le mme isto kao krlbell ugyanaz tidak banyak berbeda svo til breyttur pressappoco lo stesso, pi o meno lo stesso beveik toks pats, nepasikeits oti ldzgs, gandrz tas pats tidak banyak berbeza vrijwel hetzelfde ikke srlig forandret bez wikszych zmian na mesma cam la fel skoro rovnak skoraj enak isto ungefr detsamma aa yukar ayn khng khc lm nothing much nothing important, impressive etc. `What are you doing?' `Nothing much.' niks juis nie nada de especial nic zvltnho 'nichts Besonderes ikke noget srligt nada en especial ei midagi erilist ei mitn trke pas grand-chose nita vano semmi klns tidak penting ekkert mikilvgt/srstakt (niente di importante) nieko svarbaus, nieko ypatinga nekas sevis tidak penting niets bijzonderskike noe srlig nic szczeglnego nada de especial nimic deosebit ni zvltneho ni posebnega nita posebno inget srskilt hemen hemen hibir ey khng c g quan trng not much nothing important, impressive etc. My car isn't much to look at but it's fast. nie veel nie no muito nepli nichts Besonderes ikke noget srligt poco mitte suurem asi ei mitenkn erikoinen pas trs ... ne previe nem klnsebben (szp stb.) tidak hebat ekki merkilegur non tanto ... menkas, nespdingas necils, vienkrs tidak hebat niets bijzonders ikke stort/noe srlig nic specjalnego no muito nu cine tie ce nie prli ni posebnega nita posebno inte mycket ahm ahm bir ey deil khng c g quan trng so much for that's all that can be said about. So much for that let's talk about something else; He arrived half an hour late so much for his punctuality! nie juis nie nada de tolik o; tak je to s so viel zu s meget for , se acab, no es para tanto niipaljukest se siit voil pour, voil ce qu'on appelle ... previe za errl ennyit hanya itu er a trtt (alla faccia di) ...() tai tiek apie ko nu par to! hanya itu dat is dan ferdig med, det var det to by byo `na tyle` w kwestii que dizer de att despre; iat ce nseamn toko o toliko o toliko o tome det om detta, s var det med [den punktligheten] bu kadar , l tt c nhng g c th ni think too much of to have too high an opinion of. He thinks too much of himself. dink te veel van homself ter grande opinio de mt pli vysok mnn o zuviel halten von tro for meget om tener una gran opinin de liiga heal arvamusel olema ajatella liikaa jstk avoir une trop haute ide de ... mnogo drati do tlbecsl terlalu menghargai hafa of miki lit (avere un'opinione troppo alta di) bti pernelyg geros nuomons apie bt augsts doms (par) terlalu memikirkan te hoog aanslaan ha hye tanker om mie wysokie mniemanie o ter grande opinio de a supraaprecia ... ma prli vysok mienku o precenjevati imati visoko miljenje ha fr hga tankar om ok beenmek nh gi qu cao ...without so much as without even. He took my umbrella without so much as asking. sonder om te sem nem ani, bez toho, e ohne berhaupt... uden s meget som sin siquiera isegi (midagi tege)mata vaivautumatta edes sans mme bez mnogo s mg csak nem is tanpa n ess svo miki a{{TH}}.{{TH}}.{{TH}}. senza neanche ... net ne- pat ne- tanpa zonder zelfs maar uten en gang bez sem sequer fr mcar bez toho, aby kar brez a da nije ni utan att s mycket som ... bile gerek duymadan thm ch khng Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. , mnoho meget viel , mucho paljon beaucoup, une bonne partie mnogo, previe molto, troppo , , , , veel mye, svrt duo, ile, znaczny muito , mycket , oka, fazla lm, nhiu, nhiu lm , , Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009adv. excesivamente, demasiado, en gran cantidad;not as ___ as before no tanto como antes; How ___ does it hurt? Cunto le duele?; too ___ en exceso, demasiado. English-Spanish Medical Dictionary Farlex 2012Collins Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009English-Spanish/Spanish-English Medical Dictionary Copyright 2006 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved. Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: When it comes to mastering the English language, some words can cause a bit more trouble than others. Take much and many, for example. They both talk about quantities, but picking the right one isnt always straightforward. Its like trying to choose between two very similar shades of blue; you know theyre not the same, but its hard to pinpoint why.This article is going to clear up that confusion once and for all. By the end, knowing when to use much vs. many will seem as easy as pie. But before we lay down the rules, lets tease a little curiosity. What if I told you that using these words correctly could make your English sound much more natural? Well, stick around because youre about to find out exactly how.The main difference between much and many lies in the type of nouns they describe. Much is used with uncountable nouns, which are things we cannot count individually, like water, sand, or love. For example, we say How much water do you drink a day? On the other hand, many is used with countable nouns. These are items you can count, such as books, cars, or people. So, we would ask How many books have you read this month? Remembering this simple rule will help you use these words correctly in sentences.Understanding Many and Much in English GrammarEnglish language learners often encounter confusion when using the determiners many and much in different contexts. Although both terms are used to quantify nouns, they apply to distinct types of nouns, with many employed for countable plural nouns and much for uncountable singular nouns.Many refers to a large number of items that one can count and is typically used with plural, countable nouns such as properties, days, and students. This determiner emphasizes the multiplicity of the nouns it accompanies. For example:There are many birds in the sky.She has many friends at school.Conversely, much is used for nouns that are uncountable, such as money, profit, fun, and sleep. This determiner highlights the great amount or degree of the subject in question. For instance:He doesnt have much experience in marketing.We didnt get much sleep last night.Recognizing the differences between these usages is essential for clear and effective communication in English. Tools like Ginger can help you confidently write by guiding the proper application of much and many through exercises and practical writing assistance. Related: Trying Times - Definition, Meaning, and ExamplesHere are some tips to help you better understand the use of many and much with plural and singular nouns: Identify whether the noun is countable or uncountable. If it is countable, consider using many. If it is uncountable, opt for much.Pay attention to the context. Sometimes, nouns can be both countable and uncountable, depending on the situation.Practice makes perfect. Regularly engage in exercises that challenge you to differentiate between many and much based on the countability of nouns.By consistently practicing and applying the correct usage of many and much in your everyday English communication, you will develop a stronger command of determiners in English and enhance your overall language skills.The Simple Rule: Countable vs. Uncountable NounsIn English grammar, understanding the distinction between countable and uncountable nouns is essential to use the determiners many and much correctly. This section explores the characteristics of both countable and uncountable nouns and their application with many and much in different contexts.Identifying Countable Nouns for ManyCountable nouns, as their name suggests, are those nouns that can be enumerated and therefore have plural forms. Examples include vehicles, pets, cups, and cities. When a significant number of countable nouns need to be expressed, many is the appropriate determiner to use. The word many is typically followed by nouns that are inherently plural, emphasizing their countable nature. For instance, saying, The charity has received many donations this month, highlights the use of many with the countable noun donations.Understanding Uncountable Nouns for MuchContrarily, uncountable nouns cannot be individually counted and always remain in their singular form. These nouns include mass nouns like water, information, love, and time. When describing a large quantity of an uncountable noun, much should be used, as it is specifically designed for singular and non-count nouns.A relevant example would be, She has gained much knowledge studying at the university.Distinguishing Between Singular and Plural ApplicationsOne of the most critical factors in determining whether to use many or much is the nouns plurality. If the noun is plural and countable, many is the appropriate choice. In contrast, if the noun is singular and uncountable, much should be used. Keep in mind that the plurality of the noun directly influences these quantifiers usage.Many: Necessitates a plural and countable noun.Much: Connected to singular and uncountable nouns.In some cases, nouns like milk, sugar, or fruit can be measured or divided into types or units. The expression may change, allowing many to quantify nouns that would generally fall under the much category, such as cups of milk or types of fruit. In these situations, it is crucial to consider the context and whether the noun is being used as a countable or uncountable entity. Related: 'Humour' or 'Humor': What's the Difference?By grasping the distinctions between countable and uncountable nouns as well as understanding noun plurality, youll be better equipped to determine when to use many and much correctly in your writing and communication. Practical Examples of Many and Much in UseUnderstanding the difference between many and much is essential for clear and effective communication in English. To provide a better understanding of how these quantifiers are used in practice, lets look at some real-life examples that demonstrate their correct application in various sentence constructions.Jennifer donated many books to the local library.In this case, many is used to describe the countable noun books. As books can be counted individually, it is appropriate to use many for quantifying the quantity of books donated by Jennifer. Anthony couldnt drink much coffee this morning.Here, much is employed with the uncountable noun coffee. Since coffee is a liquid and cannot be quantified by individual units, much is the correct choice for describing the amount of coffee consumed by Anthony.Additional examples: There were many tourists at the museum today. (countable noun: tourists)I didnt get much sleep last night. (uncountable noun: sleep)Stacy has many friends in New York City. (countable noun: friends)The restaurant didnt receive much praise from the critics. (uncountable noun: praise)These examples illustrate the importance of correctly using many and much in everyday language, allowing you to communicate more effectively and confidently with other English speakers. By practicing and becoming familiar with these quantifiers in English sentences, youll further develop your language skills and enhance your overall communication. Common Mistakes and How to Avoid ThemThe journey toward mastering English grammar involves identifying and learning from common mistakes. One frequent error is the misapplication of many and much with nouns that can be either countable or uncountable. Lets now discuss some examples and strategies to navigate these potentially confusing scenarios.Mixed Nouns: When to Use Many vs. MuchSome nouns, such as dessert, can be both countable and uncountable depending on the context they are used in. When not specifying types or varieties, dessert appears as an uncountable and singular noun, requiring the use of much as its determiner:I dont eat much dessert.However, when referring to different kinds or specific portions of dessert, the noun becomes countable and plural, calling for many instead: There were so many desserts to choose from.Developing a sharp awareness of context is crucial for using many and much correctly with mixed nouns. The following tips can help you avoid common mistakes and achieve better language proficiency:Identify the noun type: Determine if the noun you are working with is countable or uncountable in the specific context and adjust the use of many or much accordingly.Look for clues in the surrounding sentence: The presence of words like the plural s or a reference to quantity, subgroup, or specific type of the noun might signal whether many or much should be used.Practice regularly: Engage in exercises and activities that help you apply the correct usage of many and much within different contexts, like constructing example sentences with mixed nouns. Related: Safe Money or Save Money? Understanding the DifferenceBy understanding the context, distinctions between countable and uncountable mixed nouns, and how they influence the use of many and much, you can avoid grammatical errors and become more proficient in English.Enhancing Your Language Skills: Tools and TipsImproving language skills involves understanding the nuances of grammar, including the correct usage of quantifiers like many and much. To aid in this process, there are language improvement tools and grammar enhancement tips that can be of great assistance. Using such tools and tips can lead to fluent and error-free communication in English, making your life easier in both professional and personal areas.One significant resource at your disposal is LanguageTool, which offers features that not only check for the correct application of these terms but also provide grammatical corrections and suggestions for stylistic improvements. Moreover, consider using Ginger as a complementary tool for gaining a deeper understanding of English grammar through exercises and practical writing assistance. These tools come in handy for refining your writing and ensuring a higher level of readability.Another effective method to reinforce your understanding of many and much is practicing through exercises that require users to decide between these quantifiers based on noun countability. Continually practicing and immersing yourself in the English language will lead to increased proficiency and familiarity with these critical grammatical constructs. Stay proactive in your language improvement efforts, and youll see your English skills progress significantly. MuchadjectiveLarge in quantity; long in time; many in number.Etymology: mycker, Swedish; mucho, Spanish.Let us knowIf twill tie up thy discontented sword,And carry back to Sicily much tall youth,That else must perish here.William Shakespeare, Antony and Cleopatra.Thou shalt carry much seed out, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.Deut. xxiv. 38.I am well served, to take so much pains for one resolved to make away with himself.Roger L'Estrange.You were pressed for the sea-service, and got off with much ado.Jonathan Swift, Rules to Servants.Muchadverb1. In a great degree; by far.Isaac, thou art much mightier than we.Gen. xxvi. 16.Excellent speech becometh not a fool, much less do lying lips a prince.Prov. xvii. 17.We have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?Heb. xii. 9.If they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.Heb. xii. 25.Somewhat awd, I shook with holy fear,Yet not so much but that I noted wellWho did the most in song and dance excel.Dryden.2. To a certain degree.He charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it.Mark vii. 36.3. To a great degree.So spake, so wishd much humbled Eve, but fateSubscribd not.John Milton.To thee thy much-afflicted mother flies,And on thy succour and thy faith relies.Dryden.Your much-lovd fleet shall soonBesiege the petty monarchs of the land.Dryden.If his rules of reason be not better than his rules for health, he is not like to be much followed.Thomas Baker, Ref. on Learning.Oh much experiencd man!Alexander Pope, Odyssey.Sad from my natal hour my days have ran,A much afflicted, much enduring man.Alexander Pope, Odyssey.4. Often, or long.You pine, you languish, love to be alone,Think much, speak little, and in speaking, sigh.Dryden.shall last, like Alexander, long,As much recorded, and as often sung.George Granville.5. Nearly.All left the world much as they found it, ever unquiet, subject to changes and revolutions.William Temple.Muchnoun1. A great deal; multitude in number; abundance in quantity.They gathered against Moses and Aaron, and said, Ye take too much upon you.Num. xvi. 3.Nor grudge I thee the much the Grecians give,Nor murmring take the little I receive,John Dryden, Iliad.They have much of the poetry of Mecnas, but little of his liberality.John Dryden, All for Love. Pref. to.The fate of love is such,That still it sees too little or too much.Dryden.Much suffring heroes next their honours claim;Those of less noisy and less guilty fame,Fair virtues silent train.Alexander Pope, Temple of Fame.2. More than enough; a heavy service or burthen.Thou thinkst it much to tread the oozeOf the salt deep.William Shakespeare, Tempest.He thought not much to clothe his enemies.John Milton.This gracious act the ladies all approve,Who thought it much a man should die for love,And with their mistress joind in close debate.Dryden.3. Any assignable quantity or degree.The waters covered the chariots and horsemen; there remained not so much as one.Exod. xiv. 28.We will cut wood out of Lebanon as much as thou shalt need.2 Chron. ii. 16.The matter of the universe was created before the flood; and if any more was created, then there must be as much annihilated to make room for it.Thomas Burnet, Theory of the Earth.Who is there of whom we can with any rational assurance, or perhaps so much as likelihood, affirm, here is a man whose nature is renewed, whose heart is changed.Robert South, Sermons.4. An uncommon thing; something strange.It was much that one that was so great a lover of peace should be happy in war.Francis Bacon, Henry VII.It is much, if men were from eternity, that they should not find out the way of writing all that long duration which had past before that time.John Tillotson, Sermons.5. To make Much of. To treat with regard; to fondle; to pamper.Though he knew his discourse was to entertain him from a more streight parley, yet he durst not but kiss his rod, and gladly make much of that entertainment which she allotted unto him.Philip Sidney, b. ii.The king understanding of their adventure, suddenly falls to take a pride in making much of them, extolling them with infinite praises.Philip Sidney, b. ii.When thou camest first,Thou stroakdst, and madst much of me; and wouldst give meWater with berries int.William Shakespeare, Tempest.adjective (1)noun (2)adverb (3)great in quantity, measure, or degree.a great quantity, measure, or degree.Much of his research was unreliable.a great, important, or notable thing or matter.The house is not much to look at.to a great extent or degree; greatly; far.to talk too much; much heavier.nearly, approximately, or about.This is much like the others.Slang.(used after an adjective, noun, or verb to form a question that comments on someones intense feelings or extreme actions in a way that is critical, sarcastic, teasing, etc.): Geeking out much?Jealous much?Geeking out much?(usually used with a negative) a great quantity or degree ofthere isn't much honey left(as pronoun)much has been learned from thisinformalrather excessiveexactly thatI suspected as much when I heardSee make ofnot to any appreciable degree or extenthe's not much of an actor reallyinformalof a low standardthis beer is not up to much(used with a negative) to have a high opinion ofI don't think much of his behaviourCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. 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