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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) determiner.1. 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 mucleh, Old English mycel; c. Old Saxon mikil, Old High German mikill, 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. 'He was very much interested in the subject.' 'I enjoyed very much the party.' Say 'I enjoyed the party very much'.Be Carefull!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 Carefull!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 comparatives'You 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 Carefull!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 determiner'You 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.It is 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.This 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 pronoun'You 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 Carefull!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 butterflies.'She takes a lot about much.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 Carefull!Don't use 'much' or 'much of' with plural countable nouns, to talk about a large number of people or things. 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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; much as; 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(ant), anyni, annyi, mennyi? banyak mikill, miki molto daug daud; cik daud; banyak veelmyeduo, wiele muito mult vae mnogo mnogo mycket byk hetzefelze like stlg forandret bez wkszych zmian na mesma cam la fel skoro rovnak skoraj enak gleich ungerf deitsamma as yukar atn khng khc ln nothing much nothing important, impressive etc. 'What are you doing?' 'Nothing much.' 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So much for that let's talk about something else; He arrived half an hour late so much for his punctuality! nie jus nie nada de tolko ; tak je to s viel zu s meget for ; se acab, no es para tanto niipajuktes se siit vout pour, vail ce qu'on appelle ... . he thinks to erri enmyit hanya itu er a trtt (alla faccia di) ...() tai tiek apie ko nu par! hanya itu dit an fed ferdig med, det var det byt by byo "na tyie" w kwestii que dizer de at despre; iat ce nseam tolo o toliko o toliko o tome det om detta, s var det med [den punkt]gheten] bu kadar , I tt c nhng q c ti i think too much of to have too high an opinion of. . he previe too much of himself. dink te viel van bogznata inte vara ngn (ngt) vidare pek iyi olmaam () khng hon ton be not up to much to be not very good. 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