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[from 13th c.]Do you think I have much chance of catching the train on time?After much discussion, we decided to set about the task with much enthusiasm.Much of literature is concerned with stylistics.1817 (date written), [Jane Austen], Persuasion; published in Northanger Abbey; And Persuasion.[1,] volume (please specify [volume=III or IV], London: John Murray,[1,] 20 December 1817 (indicated as 1818), OCLC:As it was, he did nothing with much zeal, but sport; and his time was otherwise trifled away, without benefit from books or anything else.2011 February 24, Wisconsin and wider, in The Economist: Isn't matters take a nastier turn, neither side has much incentive to compromise. (in combinations such as 'as much', 'this much') Used to indicate, demonstrate or compare the quantity of something.Add this much water and no more.Take as much time as you like,(now archaic or nonstandard) A great number of (many people). [from 13th c.]now Caribbean, African-American, UK regional) many (+ plural countable noun). [from 13th c.]1977, Bob Marley, 'So Much Things to Say:They got so much things to say right now, they got so much things to say. Much is now generally used with uncountable nouns. The equivalent used with countable nouns is many. In positive contexts, much is widely avoided: I have a lot of money instead of I have much money. There are some exceptions to this, however: I have much hope for the future. A lot of these cases are emotive transitive verbs and nouns. I have much need for a new assistant. In parallel, I need it very much.Unlike many determiners, much is frequently modified by intensifying adverbs, as in too much, very much, so much, not much, and so on. (The same is true of many.) a great deal of, (informal) a lot of much (not comparable)(obsolete) Large, great. [12th/16th c.]1485, Sir Thomas Malory, iiii, in Le Morte Darthur, book XX:Thenne launcelot vnbarred the dore / and with his lyfte hand he held it open a lytel / so that but one man myghte come in attonnes / and soo there came stryding a good knyghte a moche man and large / and his name was Colgreuance / of Gore / and he with a swerd strake at syr launcelot mytely and he put asyde the stroke(please add an English translation of this quotation)(obsolete) Long in duration, much (comparative more, superlative most)to a great extent.I don't like melon much, and I dont much care for milk chocolate either: I find them both much too sweet.However much I eat, I never get fat.He left her, much to the satisfaction of her other suitor.That boyfriend of yours is much (like - the same as) the others.My English was much the worst, and I'm certainly not much good at math either, of that I'm very much aware.Both candidates, who are much of an age, say much the same thing, but the youngest shows much the commoner behavior of the two.1909, Archibald Marshall [pseudonym; Arthur Hammond Marshall], A Court Ball, in The Squires Daughter, New York, N.Y.: Dodd, Mead and Company, published 1919, OCLC, page 9:They stayed together during three dances, went out on to the terrace, explored wherever they were permitted to explore, paid two visits to the buffet, and enjoyed themselves much in the same way as if they had been school-children surreptitiously breaking loose from an assembly of grown-ups.2008, Right Now (Na Na Na) (track 1), in Freedom, performed by Akon:I can't lie (I miss you much). Watching every day that goes by (I miss you much).2011 October 20, Michael da Silva, Stoke 3-0 Macc Tel-Aviv, in BBC Sport:Tangling with Ziv, Cameron caught him with a flailing elbow, causing the Israeli defender to go down a little easily. However, the referee was in no doubt, much to the displeasure of the home fans.2013 June 8, The new masters and commanders, in The Economist, volume 407, number 8839, page 52:From the ground, Colombos port does not look like much. Those entering it are greeted by wire fences, walls dating back to colonial times and security posts. For mariners leaving the port after lonely nights on the high seas, the delights of the B52 Night Club and Stallion Pub lie a stumble away,(with a comparative adjective) for emphasis or to indicate a great differenceHe is much fatter than I remember him.Honestly, I can't stand much more of this.Often; frequently.(in combinations such as 'as much', 'this much') Used to indicate or compare extent.I don't like Wagner as much as I like Mozart.(slang) Combining with an adjective or (occasionally) a noun, used in a rhetorical question to mock someone for having the specified quality.Jamie's always preaching about how we need to save a planet when he drives literally everywhere she goes. Like, hypocritical much?2005 December 28, Seth Stevenson, Whats With That Overstock.com Ad?, in Slate[1,] New York, N.Y.: The Slate Group, ISSN, OCLC, archived from the original on 20 January 2024.The moment you've been waiting forthe lowdown on the Overstock hottie. I talked to her by phone last week. Jealous much, gentlemen? Ad Report Card talks to all the fine ladies.2023 May 12, Lia Mappoura, I tried Glossier's brand new G Suit lip crmes so you don't have to, in Cosmopolitan[2]Well, on the grounds of this, what if I told you the brand's latest launch goes against the latter and instead, is the first product in an opaque lip crme line? Screaming, crying, throwing up, much?(obsolete) Almost. 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