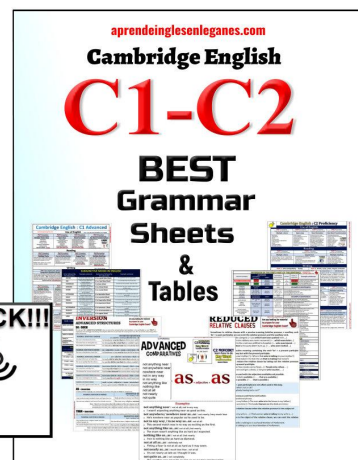


LET ALONE NEVER MIND MUCH/STILL/EVEN LESS

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I don't have time to breathe these days, let alone relax.



LET ALONE

'Let alone' is used after a statement to emphasize that because the first thing is not likely to happen, the second thing is even less likely to be true or possible.
(only used with negative statements)

- He doesn't know basic maths, **let alone** advanced calculus.
- The baby can't even walk yet, **let alone** run!
- I would struggle to do 20 push-ups, **let alone** 50!

I never thought I'd win a medal, never mind a gold medal!



NEVER MIND

used to indicate that what has been said of one thing applies even more to another.

- He can barely bench press 20Kg, **never mind** 100Kg!
- I'm not going to believe it myself, **never mind** convince anyone else
- I don't think I could walk that far, **never mind** run that far.

I don't like getting up at 6 a.m. every day, still less enjoy it!



MUCH LESS/STILL LESS/EVEN LESS

used after a negative statement in order to emphasize that it applies even more to what you say next.

- You couldn't run 10km, **much less** a marathon!
- I don't like getting up at 5 a.m. every day, **still less** enjoy it!
- I cannot afford to take two weeks off work, **even less** 6 months!