

NOT SO MUCH

C1/C2 phrases

We use the structures “not so much”, “not ... so much as ...”, and “not so much ... as ...” to say that something is one kind of thing rather than another kind.

not so much ... (but)

- It's **not so much** Mandy I'm worried about, it's you.
- It was **not so much** that the work was difficult, **but** that it was so boring.

not ...so much as ...

- I **don't** really think of her as a daughter **so much as** a very good friend.
- I **did not** really object to Will's behaviour **so much as** his personality.
- I **don't** feel angry **so much as** sad.

not so much ... as ...

- She was **not so much** nervous **as** impatient for the journey to be over.
- The details are **not so much** wrong **as** they are incomplete.

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