



SOMETHING OF A SOMETHING

used to describe a person or thing in a way that is partly true but not completely or exactly:



- It came as **something of a** surprise.
- Men who do the cooking are **something of a** rarity.
- He's getting **something of a** reputation around here
- My grandmother was **something of a** poet.

A BIT OF A SOMETHING

Especially British English used to show that the way you describe something is only true to a limited degree.



- The news came as **a bit of a** shock.
- I felt **a bit of a** fool.
- It looks like they left in **a bit of a** hurry.
- It was **a bit of a** strange decision.

SOMEWHAT OF A SOMETHING

to some degree —used to make a statement or description less forceful or definite



- To say that I was surprised is **somewhat of an** understatement.
- What happened to them remains **somewhat of a** mystery.
- After all I'd heard about the movie, it turned out to be **somewhat of a** letdown.