



# LEAST

## Least of all

### especially not

- She hardly ever lost her temper - least of all with the children.
- No one believed her, least of all me.

## the least of something

### something of the lowest importance, strength, value, etc.

- How others see me is the least of my worries.

## At least

### used to emphasize that something is good in a bad situation:

- The car was damaged, but at least he wasn't hurt.

## At (the very) least

### not less than; at the minimum.

- It will cost at least €100.
- You'll have to wait at the very least an hour.

## Last but not least

### important, despite being mentioned after everyone else:

- Last but not least, I'd like to thank all the catering staff.

## Not least

### in particular, particularly

- There is a great deal at stake, not least in relation to the environment.
- George is an excellent manager, not least because he is genuinely willing to listen.

## to say the least

### 1) to not describe something in the strongest way you could, often in order to be polite:

- The dinner was not tasty, to say the least.

### 2) used to suggest that a situation is actually much more extreme or serious than you say it is.

- It's going to be awkward, to say the least.

## the least sb can/could do

### you are very willing to do something or to reply to someone's thanks.

- I think the least you could do is offer to help.
- I'll look after them – it's the least I can do.

## Not the least

### Not the least/slightest bit

### Not in the least

### none at all, or not at all.

### Used for emphasis with nouns:

- I haven't the least idea who he was.
- I'm not the least bit concerned.
- He wasn't the slightest bit interested in answering our questions.
- I'm not in the least afraid of you anymore.

## Not the least of which

### one of the most important of which

- We had many things to consider, not the least of which was the safety of our children

## least said soonest mended

### A bad situation can best be forgotten if not talked about.

- I didn't mention the matter again. Least said, soonest mended is what I always say..