

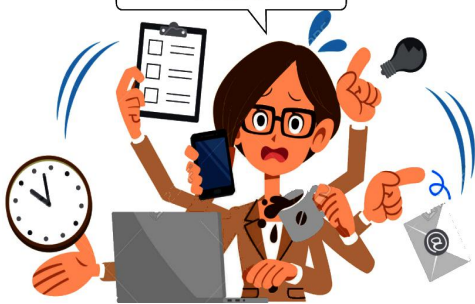
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# LET ALONE, NEVER MIND MUCH/STILL/EVEN LESS

(y mucho menos/geschweige denn, encore moins)

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)

- I hardly have time to think these days, **let alone** relax.
- 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.

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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!