

Overboard: An action that may start off in a good way (funny, interesting, clever) but then goes too far. The action is *excessive*. In some cases, an Overboard statement did not start off well, in that it was too far or excessive from the very start (see below).



How much salt would you put on your food (i.e., popcorn, soup, etc.)
If you shake the salt container too much, the food will taste super salty and you may not like it.

The Answer: Shake the salt container just 2-4 times...anything over 6-8 times will make the food too salty, because you went too far.

How much of hot sauce would you put on your food, like Demon's Hot Sauce below?



The Answer: Only ONE, and if you are brave, TWO. (Demon Hot Sauce is very, very, very, very, very "hot," so if use more than one or two drops you will have gone too far).


Silly



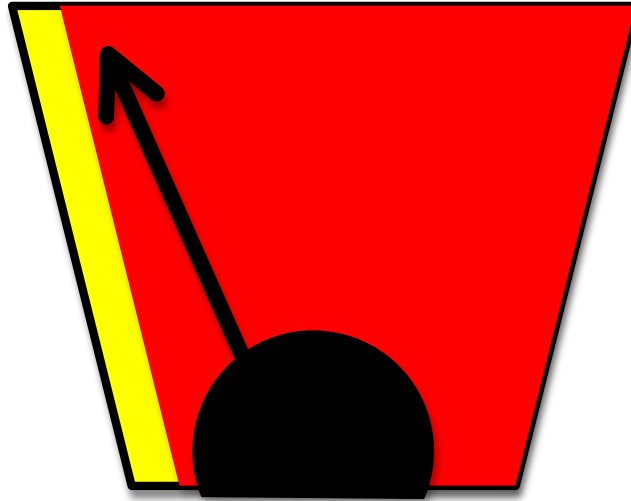
If you notice, it does not take much to go overboard with salt or hot sauce. The same is true with some other things like

- ❖ Saying the same joke or funny statement more than once or twice.
- ❖ Saying a catchy phrase ("That's cool" "N - i - c - e" "Whatever" "Dude" "Mick Jagger") more than two to three times.
- ❖ Even giving more than two or three compliments to the same person can be going too far. ("You're so awesome...Wow you're smart...You're great at Wii")

And in some cases, the action or words went too far right away. This happens when the joke, words, or action ends up being about a sensitive topic, or even worse - is offensive.

<p>Sensitive Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics • A person's body • A person's intelligence • Jokes about yourself that are embarrassing to you <i>AND</i> the other person • Swearing • Wanting to be dead; To be hurt 	<p>Offensive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racism • Ethnic Jokes 	 <p>Extreme</p>
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Which one is Overboard and which one is Offensive?



RED means *too much...*
you've gone *too far*.

Yellow is OK, or even
Good.

