

WELL – PHRASES

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may well

B2 If you say that something may well happen, you mean that it is likely to happen:

She may well not want to travel alone.

be just as well UK ALSO be as well

B2 to be a good thing to do, or to be a lucky thing to happen or be done:

It's just as well you're not here - you wouldn't like the noise.

He left at three, which was just as well or he'd have missed the plane.

It **would** be as well to check the small print.

may/might as well

B2 used to suggest doing something, often when there is nothing better to do:

We might as well walk there.

We may as well start the meeting - the others will be here soon.

You might as well tell them the truth.

We may as well begin now.

B2 used to say that something else could have been done with the same result

The party was so dull that I might (just) as well have stayed home.

all very well or all well and good

— used to say that something may seem proper, good, or reasonable by itself but that there are other things that also have to be considered.

- **It's all very well** your telling me to take it easy, but I have a deadline to meet!
- They say we have to improve our schools. **That's all very well**, but the question is, how can we find the money to do it?
- It is all well and good that you have been enjoying yourself, but you have to start saving your money.

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