



WELL

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may (very) well

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

- She **may well** not want to travel alone.
- What you say **may very well** be true.
- It **may well** be that the information is not available.

be just as well / be as well

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 (just) as well

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.
- For the little extra it'll cost, we **might just as well** stay for another night.

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 / 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!
- It's **all well and good** for him to say he's sorry, but has he told you why he did it?
- Your proposal is **all very well** in theory, but in practice it will not pay.