

well

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1. [wel] *n*

1. колодец
2. 1) родник, ключ; источник (*особ. минеральный*)
- 2) водоём
- 3) *pl* минеральные воды (*курорт*)
3. источник, кладезь
a well of life [of knowledge] - источник жизни [познания]
he is a well of information - он кладезь знаний
4. 1) лестничная клетка; пролёт лестницы
- 2) шахта лифта
5. места адвокатов (*в английском суде*)
6. *горн.* скважина
7. *мор.* кокпит
8. *тех.* отстойник, зумпф

2. [wel] *v книжн.*

1. подниматься (*о воде; часто well up*)
tears welled up in her eyes - её глаза наполнились слезами
2. вскипать (*тж. well up*)
3. бить ключом; хлынуть, брызнуть (*тж. well out, well forth*)
the blood was welling out from the wound - из раны хлестала кровь
4. (*over*) переполняться, литься через край
his heart welled over with joy - его сердце преисполнилось радостью

II

1. [wel] *n*

1. добро; благо
I wish him well - я желаю ему добра
2. (the well) *собир.* здоровые
the sick are often impatient with the well - больных часто раздражают здоровые

2. [wel] *a (better; best)*

1. *обыкн. predic* здоровый; выздоровевший
is she well or ill? - она здорова или больна?
I am not very well today - мне сегодня нездоровится
to feel well - чувствовать себя хорошо /здоровым/
to look well - хорошо выглядеть; иметь цветущий вид
I hope you'll soon get well again - надеюсь, вы скоро поправитесь
I am practically a well man - я практически здоров
well baby ward - палата здоровых новорождённых (*в родильном доме*)
the wound is nearly well - рана почти зажила
2. *predic* хороший, в удовлетворительном состоянии
all is well - всё в порядке, всё хорошо
all is not well with him - у него не всё благополучно
things are well with us - у нас всё в порядке
we are very well where we are - нам здесь очень хорошо /очень удобно/
3. зажиточный, состоятельный процветающий
4. удачный
it was well for you that nobody saw you - тебе повезло, что тебя никто не видел
5. желательный целесообразный
it might be well for you to leave - возможно, вам следовало бы уехать
it would be well to inquire - хорошо бы навести справки
◇ it's all very well - *ирон.* легко сказать
it's all very well (for you) to suggest doing that but where's the money coming from? - (вам) легко советовать, но где взять деньги?

3. [wel] *adv (better; best)*

1. хорошо, отлично; удачно; благополучно
the work is well done - работа сделана отлично
I did not sleep well last night - сегодня я плохо спал
2. положительно; благоприятно; одобчительно
to think well of smb. - быть о ком-л. хорошего мнения
to speak well of smb. - хорошо отзываться о ком-л.
3. зажиточно
to live well - жить в достатке
4. значительно
he must be well over fifty - ему, вероятно, далеко за пятьдесят
well on in life - немолодой, пожилой
I am well forward with my work - моя работа значительно продвинулась, я уже много сделал
it is well up in the list - это где-то в начале списка
well into the night - далеко за полночь

well to the east - гораздо /значительно/ восточнее

5. совершенно, полностью

he was well out of sight - он совсем исчез из виду

6. разумно, с полным основанием; справедливо

I could not well refuse - я никак не мог отказать(ся)

7. тщательно

shake the bottle well - перед употреблением взбалтывать (о лекарстве)

examine the account well - внимательно проверьте счёт

8. очень, весьма

I like him well - он мне очень нравится

to be well pleased - быть весьма довольным

9. вполне

it may well be true - это вполне возможно

you may well be surprised - вы имеете все основания удивляться

he could well afford a new car - он вполне мог бы купить новую машину

10. в сочетаниях

as well - а) также тоже; there were other books as well - были и другие книги; б) с таким же успехом; we may as well begin at once - мы вполне можем начать сразу; you might as well throw your money away - вы могли бы с таким же успехом выкинуть свои деньги

that is just as well - ну что ж, жалеть не стоит

as well as - также; так же как; в дополнение; кроме того; не только ... но и

◇ well and truly - основательно; полностью

well and good - а) ну и прекрасно ну и ладно; тем лучше; б) всё прекрасно, но ...

let /leave/ well alone - ≅ и так сойдёт; от добра добра не ищут

he can never let well alone - он всегда недоволен, он никогда не удовлетворён (сделанным)

well away - а) на ходу, идущий полным ходом; б) *сл.* начинающий пьянеть

to turn out well - окончиться благополучно; оказаться к лучшему

to come off well - а) добиться успеха; б) закончиться благополучно

to go well together - подходить друг к другу; гармонировать

to be doing well - поправляться (о больном)

mother and child are doing well - мать и ребёнок чувствуют себя хорошо

to be well out of smth. - счастливо отделаться от чего-л.; вовремя избавиться от чего-л. или убраться от куда-л.

to be well up in smth. - быть хорошо осведомлённым о чём-л.

well done /run! - здорово!, хорошо! (одобрение)

well said! - хорошо сказано!

well met! - какая приятная встреча

to do oneself well - ни в чём себе не отказывать

all is well that ends well - *посл.* всё хорошо, что хорошо кончается, конец венчает дело

4. [wel] *int*

1. ну! (выражает удивление, сомнение, уступки, согласие, чувство облегчения, удовлетворения и т. п.)

well, you of all people! - ну, уж от вас никак не ожидал!

well, I declare! - ну, скажу я вам!; ну и ну!, нечего сказать!

well, to be sure - вот те раз!, вот те на!, нечего сказать!

well, I never! - вот те на!, не может быть!

well, it can't be helped! - ну что же, ничего не поделаешь!

2. итак (используется при возобновлении прерванного разговора или как вступительное слово при каком-л. замечании)

well, then she said - итак, после этого она заявила

well

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

well [well better best] *adverb, adjective, exclamation, noun, verb* BrE [wel] ^а

NAmE [wel] ^а

adverb (bet-ter BrE ['betə(r)] ^а ; NAmE ['betər] ^а best BrE [best] ^а ; NAmE [best] ^а)

1. in a good, right or acceptable way

- The kids all behaved well.
- The conference was very well organized.
- **Well done!** (= expressing admiration for what sb has done)
- His campaign was not **going well** .
- These animals make very good pets if treated well (= with kindness) .
- People **spoke well of** (= spoke with approval of) him.
- She **took it very well** (= did not react too badly) , all things considered.
- They lived well (= in comfort and spending a lot of money) and were generous with their money.
- She was determined to marry well (= marry sb rich and/or with a high social position) .

2. thoroughly and completely

- Add the lemon juice and mix well.
- The surface must be well prepared before you start to paint.
- How well do you know Carla?
- He's well able to take care of himself.
- (BrE, informal) I was well annoyed, I can tell you.

3. to a great extent or degree

- He was driving at well over the speed limit.

- a well-loved tale
- The castle is **well worth** a visit.
- He liked her **well enough** (= to a reasonable degree) but he wasn't going to make a close friend of her.

4. can/could well easily

- She could well afford to pay for it herself.

5. can/could/may/might well probably

- You may well be right.
- **It may well be that** the train is delayed.

6. can/could/may/might well with good reason

- I **can't very well** leave now.
- I **couldn't very well** refuse to help them, could I?
- 'What are we doing here?' **You may well ask** (= I don't really know either) .'

more at bloody well **at** ↑bloody ¹, fucking well **at** ↑fucking, jolly well **at** ↑jolly ^{adv.}, know full well know sth as well as I/you do **at** ↑know ^{v.}, mean well **at** ↑mean ^{v.}, pretty much/well **at** ↑pretty ^{adv.}

Word Origin:

adv. and **adj. exclam.** Old English wel(l) Germanic Dutch wel German wohl ↑will
n. and **v.** Old English wella Germanic Dutch wel German Welle 'a wave'

Grammar Point:

well

Compound adjectives beginning with well are generally written with no hyphen when they are used alone after a verb, but with a hyphen when they come before a noun: ▫ She is well dressed. ◇▫ a well-dressed woman. The forms without hyphens are given in the entries in the dictionary, but forms with hyphens can be seen in some examples.

The comparative and superlative forms of these are usually formed with **better** and **best**: ▫ better-known poets ◇▫ the best-dressed person in the room.

Synonyms:

well

all right • OK • fine • healthy • strong • fit

These words all describe sb who is not ill and is in good health.

well • [not usually before noun] (*rather informal*) in good health: ▫ I'm not feeling very well. ◇▫ Is he well enough to travel?

Well is used especially to talk about your own health, to ask sb about their health or to make a comment on it.

all right • [not before noun] (*rather informal*) not feeling ill; not injured: ▫ Are you feeling all right?

OK • [not before noun] (*informal*) not feeling ill; not injured: ▫ She says she's OK now, and will be back at work tomorrow.

all right or ok?

These words are slightly less positive than the other words in this group. They are both used in spoken English to talk about not actually being ill or injured, rather than being positively in good health. Both are rather informal but **OK** is slightly more informal than **all right**.

fine • [not before noun] (not used in negative statements) (*rather informal*) completely well: ▫ 'How are you?' 'Fine, thanks.'

Fine is used especially to talk about your health, especially when sb asks you how you are. It is also used to talk about sb's health when you are talking to sb else. Unlike **well** it is not often used to ask sb about their health or make a comment on it: Are you keeping fine?

healthy • in good health and not likely to become ill: ▫ Keep healthy by exercising regularly.

strong • in good health and not suffering from an illness: ▫ After a few weeks she was feeling stronger.

Strong is often used to talk about becoming healthy again after an illness.

fit • (*especially BrE*) in good physical health, especially because you take regular physical exercise: ▫ I go swimming every day in order to keep fit.

all right/OK/fit **for** sth

all right/OK/fit **to do** sth

to **feel/look** well/all right/OK/fine/healthy/strong/fit

to **keep (sb)** well/healthy/fit

perfectly well/all right/OK/fine/healthy/fit

physically well/healthy/strong/fit

Example Bank:

- He liked her well enough but he wasn't going to make a close friend of her.
- It's a well-loved tale of love and romance.

Idioms: ↑all very well ▫ ↑all well and good ▫ ↑as well ▫ ↑do well ▫ ↑do well by somebody ▫ ↑do well for yourself ▫ ↑do well out of somebody ▫ ↑do well to do something ▫ ↑doing well ▫ ↑let well alone ▫ ↑may as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb ▫ ↑may as well do something ▫ ↑well I never! ▫ ↑well and truly ▫ ↑well away ▫ ↑well in ▫ well on the way to something sth ▫ ↑well out of something ▫ ↑well up in something

adjective (**bet-ter** *BrE* ['betə(r)][ⓘ] ; *NAmE* ['betər][ⓘ] **best** *BrE* [best][ⓘ] ; *NAmE* [best][ⓘ])

1. not usually before noun in good health

- I don't **feel** very **well** .
- Is she well enough to travel?
- **Get well soon!** (= for example, on a card)

- I'm better now, thank you.
 - (informal) He's not a well man.
2. **not before noun** in a good state or position
 - It seems that **all is not well** at home.
 - **All's well that ends well** (= used when sth has ended happily, even though you thought it might not) .
 3. **not before noun (as) ~ (to do sth)** sensible; a good idea
 - It would be **just as well** to call and say we might be late.
 - (formal) It would be well to start early.

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Which Word?:

also / as well / too

Also is more formal than **as well** and **too**, and it usually comes before the main verb or after be: ▪ I went to New York last year, and I also spent some time in Washington. In *BrE* it is not usually used at the end of a sentence. **Too** is much more common in spoken and informal English. It is usually used at the end of a sentence: ▪ 'I'm going home now.' 'I'll come too.' . In *BrE* **as well** is used like **too**, but in *NAme* it sounds formal or old-fashioned.

When you want to add a second negative point in a negative sentence, use **not...either**: ▪ She hasn't phoned and she hasn't written either . If you are adding a negative point to a positive one, you can use **not...as well /too**: ▪ You can have a burger, but you can't have fries as well.

Example Bank:

- I don't feel very well.
- I hope you get well soon.
- She's quite well at the moment.
- You look very well!
- 'How are you?' 'Very well, thanks.'
- He's not a well man.
- I hope you're keeping well.
- I'm not feeling very well.
- Is he well enough to travel?
- It would be just as well to call and say we'll be late.
- It would be well to start immediately.
- Wait till you're better before you go back to work.

exclamation

1. used to express surprise, anger or relief
 - **Well, well** — I would never have guessed it!
 - **Well, really!** What a thing to say!
 - Well, thank goodness that's over!
2. used to show that you accept that sth cannot be changed
 - Well, it can't be helped.
 - 'We lost.' ' **Oh, well** . Better luck next time.'
3. used to agree to sth, rather unwillingly
 - Well, I suppose I could fit you in at 3.45.
 - Oh, **very well** , then, if you insist.
4. used when continuing a conversation after a pause
 - Well, as I was saying...
5. used to say that sth is uncertain
 - 'Do you want to come?' 'Well, I'm not sure.'
6. used to show that you are waiting for sb to say sth
 - Well? Are you going to tell us or not?
7. used to mark the end of a conversation
 - Well, I'd better be going now.
8. used when you are pausing to consider your next words
 - I think it happened, well, towards the end of last summer.
9. used when you want to correct or change sth that you have just said
 - There were thousands of people there— well, hundreds, anyway.

more at well said! **at** ↑say v.

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noun

1. a deep hole in the ground from which people obtain water. The sides of **wells** are usually covered with brick or stone and there is usually some covering or a small wall at the top of the **well**

• to dig/sink a well

2. = ↑oil well

3. a narrow space in a building that drops down from a high to a low level and usually contains stairs or a lift/elevator
see also ↑stairwell

4. (BrE) the space in front of the judge in a court, where the lawyers sit

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Example Bank:

- The dog fell down a well.

verb

1. **intransitive** ~ **(up)** (of a liquid) to rise to the surface of sth and start to flow

- Tears were welling up in her eyes.

2. **intransitive** ~ **(up)** (literary) (of an emotion) to become stronger

- Hate welled up inside him as he thought of the two of them together.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	well
	BrE /wel/
	NAmE /wel/
he / she /it	wells
	BrE /wɛlz/
	NAmE /wɛlz/
past simple, past participle	welled
	BrE /wɛld/
	NAmE /wɛld/
-ing form	welling
	BrE /'wɛlɪŋ/
	NAmE /'wɛlɪŋ/

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See also: ↑let well enough alone

well

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I. **well** ¹ **S1 W1** /wel/ BrE ² AmE ³ **adverb** (comparative **better** /'betə \$ -ər/, superlative **best** /best/)

[Language: Old English; Origin: wel]

1. **SATISFACTORILY** in a successful or satisfactory way:

- Did you sleep well?
- James reads quite well for his age.
- All the team played very well today.
- Simon doesn't work well under pressure.
- The festival was very well organized.
- The concert went very well.

2. **THOROUGHLY** in a thorough way:

- Mix the flour and butter well.
- I know Birmingham quite well.

3. **A LOT**

a) a lot, or to a great degree

well before/after/above/below etc

- Stand well back from the bonfire.
- It was well after 12 o'clock when they arrived.
- The village is well below sea level.
- The amphitheatre is well worth a visit.
- I'm well aware of the problems involved.
- I went out and got well and truly (=completely) drunk.

b) [+ adjective] **British English informal** very:

- That was well funny!

4. **do well**

a) to be successful, especially in work or business:

- He's doing very well at college.
- Elizabeth's done well for herself since she moved to London.

b) if someone who has been ill is doing well, they are becoming healthy again:

- He had the operation yesterday, and he's doing very well.

5. **as well** in addition to something or someone else:

Why don't you come along as well?

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As well is used mostly in spoken English. In written English, people usually prefer to use **also**:

▪ Parents are also welcome.

6. **as well as something/somebody** in addition to something or someone else:

▪ They own a house in France as well as a villa in Spain.

as well as doing something

▪ The organization gives help and support to people in need, as well as raising money for local charities.

7. **may/might/could well** used to say that something is likely to happen or is likely to be true:

▪ What you say may well be true.

▪ You could try the drugstore, but it might well be closed by now.

8. **may/might/could (just) as well**

a) **informal** used when you do not particularly want to do something but you decide you should do it:

▪ I suppose we may as well get started.

b) used to mean that another course of action would have an equally good result:

▪ The taxi was so slow we might just as well have gone on the bus.

9. **can't very well (do something)** used to say that you cannot do something because it would be unacceptable:

▪ I can't very well tell him we don't want him at the party!

10. **know full/perfectly well** used to say that someone does know something even though they are behaving as if they do not:

▪ You know full well what I mean.

11. **speak/think well of somebody** to talk about someone in an approving way or to have a favourable opinion of them:

▪ Sue has always spoken well of you.

12. **well done!/well played!** *spoken* used to praise someone when you think they have done something very well

13. **well said!** *spoken* used to say that you agree with what someone has just said, or that you admire them for saying it

14. **be well away** *British English informal*

a) to be making good progress:

▪ If we can get that grant from the local authority, we'll be well away.

b) to be very drunk

15. **be well in with somebody** *informal* to have a friendly relationship with someone, especially someone important:

▪ She's very well in with members of the management committee.

16. **be well out of something** *British English spoken* to be lucky to no longer be involved in a particular situation

17. **be well up in/on something** *informal especially British English* to know a lot about a particular subject:

▪ Geoff's always been well up on the Internet.

18. **as well somebody might/may** *formal* used to say that there is a good reason for someone's feelings or reactions:

▪ Marilyn looked guilty, as well she might.

19. **do well by somebody** *informal* to treat someone generously

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ prep/adj

▪ **well before** She's been up since well before dawn.

▪ **well after** It was well after ten o'clock when we arrived.

▪ **well above** The school's performance was well above average.

▪ **well below** They earn well below \$5 an hour.

▪ **well short of** This total falls well short of the sum required.

▪ **well back** Stand well back from the edge of the platform.

▪ **well worth** The book is well worth reading.

▪ **well aware** I am well aware of the risks involved.

▪ **well able/capable** She is well able to look after herself.

▪ **well underway** The work on the extension is well underway.

II. **well**² *S1 W1 BrE AmE interjection*

1. **EMPHASIZING SOMETHING** used to emphasize something you are saying:

▪ Well, I think it's a good idea anyway.

▪ Well, I've had enough and I'm going home!

▪ 'James doesn't want to come to the cinema with us.' Well then, let's go on our own.'

2. **PAUSING** used to pause or give yourself time to think before saying something:

▪ Well, let's see now, I could meet you on Thursday.

3. **ACCEPTING A SITUATION** (also **oh well**) used to show that you accept a situation even though you feel disappointed or annoyed about it:

▪ Well, I did my best – I can't do any more than that.

▪ Oh well, we'll just have to cancel the holiday, I suppose.

4. **SHOWING SURPRISE** (also **well, well, (well)**) used to express surprise or amusement:

▪ Well, so Steve got the job?

▪ Well, well, well, I didn't think I'd see you here.

5. **SHOWING ANGER** used to express anger or disapproval:

▪ Well, she could at least have phoned to say she wasn't coming!

6. **FINAL REMARK** used to show that you are about to finish speaking or doing something:

▪ Well, that's all for today.

▪ Well, that's the last one done.

7. **EXPRESSING DOUBT** used to show that you are not sure about something:

'Will you be in on Friday evening?' 'Well, it depends.'

8. **CHANGING SOMETHING** used to slightly change something that you have said:

" He's rolling in money! Well, he's got a lot more than me, anyway.

9. **AGREEING very well formal** used to show that you agree with an idea or accept a suggestion:

" 'Very well,' he said. 'I accept.'

10. **CONTINUING A STORY** used to continue a story you are telling people, especially in order to make it seem more interesting:

" You know that couple I was telling you about the other day? Well, last night I saw a police car in front of their house!

11. **ASKING A QUESTION Well?** used to ask someone to answer a question you have asked them, when you are angry with them:

" Well? What have you got to say for yourself?

III. **well**³ **S1 W2 BrE** **AmE** *adjective* (comparative **better**, superlative **best**)

1. healthy:

" 'How are you?' 'Very well, thanks.'

" I don't feel very well.

" You're looking very well.

" I hope you get well again soon.

2. **it's just as well (that) spoken** used to say that things have happened in a good or fortunate way:

" It's just as well I kept some money aside for emergencies.

3. **it's/that's all very well, but ... spoken** used to say that something seems to be a good idea, but is not really possible or helpful:

" It's all very well the doctors telling me I've got to rest, but who's going to look after my children?

4. **that's/it's all well and good spoken especially British English** used to say that something is good or enjoyable, but it also has some disadvantages:

" Going off on foreign holidays is all well and good, but you've got to get back to reality sometime.

5. **it might/would be as well spoken** used to give someone advice or make a helpful suggestion:

" It might be as well to make him rest for a few days.

6. **all is well/all is not well formal** used to say that a situation is satisfactory or not satisfactory:

" All is not well with their marriage.

7. **all's well that ends well** used to say that a difficult situation has ended with a good result. It is the title of a humorous play by William Shakespeare about the relationship between the two main characters, Helena and Bertram.

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- **healthy** having good health: A good diet keeps you healthy. | They tested the drug on healthy volunteers.
- **well** used especially when describing or asking about how someone feels or looks: I don't feel well. | How was James – did he look well?
- **fine spoken** used in a reply to a question about your health, or when talking about someone else's health. Use **fine** only in replies, not in questions or statements: 'Hi, Tom, how are you?' 'Fine, thanks.' | She had a bad cold, but she's fine now.
- **all right/OK spoken** not ill or injured. These expressions are very commonly used in everyday spoken English: You look pale – are you feeling all right? | He's had an accident but he's OK.
- **better** less ill than you were, or no longer ill: I'm feeling a lot better now. | Don't come back to school until you're better.
- **fit** healthy, especially because you exercise regularly: She keeps fit by cycling everywhere. | Police officers have to be physically fit and have good eyesight.
- **in (good) shape** healthy and fit: Jogging keeps me in pretty good shape.
- **robust literary** healthy and strong, and not likely to become ill: He had a robust constitution (=a strong and healthy body). | robust plants | a robust girl, wearing a thick woollen sweater
- **be/look a picture of health** to look very healthy: She looked a picture of health as she posed for the cameras.

IV. **well**⁴ **BrE** **AmE** *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: welle]

1. a deep hole in the ground from which people take water:

" She lowered her bucket into the well.

2. an **oil well**

3. the space in a tall building where the stairs are

V. **well**⁵ **BrE** **AmE** (also **well up**) *verb* [intransitive] *literary*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: well 'to cause to boil' (11-15 centuries), from Old English wellan]

1. if a liquid wells or wells up, it comes to the surface of something and starts to flow out:

" I felt tears well up in my eyes.

2. if a feeling wells or wells up in you, you start to feel it strongly:

" Anger welled up within him.

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