

Curious Question #12 – As Well

Transcript

Harp: Hello everyone, this is Harp...

Maura: And Maura...

Harp: With the Curious Question podcast.

Maura: This is the podcast where we answer your questions, so send us your questions.

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Maura: And, if you want to see the transcript for this episode, go to Lipservice on our website, Culips.com.

Harp: That's C-U-L-I-P-S.com.

Harp: This time, we have a question from Robby in Belgium.

Maura: *When do you use "as well"? Sometimes I see this word at the end of a sentence to mean "too" and sometimes not. When must (or can) we use this word?*

Harp: The answer to this question is pretty simple. We can use "as well" just as we use "too." Robby was right.

Harp: *I would like some pizza.*

Maura: *I would like some pizza **too**.*

Harp: *I would like some ice cream.*

Maura: *I would like some ice cream **as well**.*

Harp: At the end of a sentence "as well" is just the same as "too." The only small distinction is that "as well" is a bit more formal sounding than "too." When speaking or writing in a more formal situation, or just to sound a bit more polite, replace "as well" for "too."

Maura: *She wants to go to the park **too**.*

*She wants to go to the park **as well**.
She **also** wants to go to the park.*

Harp: In a similar way, we can use the word “**also**.” It goes in a different place in the sentence:

*I would **also** like some pizza.*

That is the proper way to use “**also**” but I would **also** like to mention that native English speakers use this incorrectly. Sometimes in conversation you might hear someone put “**also**” at the end of the sentence:

*He **also** wants to eat sushi, or...
He wants to eat sushi **also**.*

Maura: Robby said that he saw “**as well**” used like “**too**.” And then other times, he thought he heard “**as well**” being used in other ways.

Harp: Robby gave us a couple of examples:

Maura: *“I don't think I will go out this weekend, but what about next weekend?
Are you then in Brussels **as well**?”*

Harp: Or...

Maura: *“Some friends of mine are coming **too** then, so we will go out for sure! Will you be at Delirium then **as well**?”*

Harp: Using “**as well**” in these cases is a bit strange. The first one was, “*Are you in Brussels **as well**?*” This “**as well**” also means “**too**.” It is like saying you are in Brussels this weekend. Will you be here next weekend too? (Next weekend **as well as** this weekend.)

Maura: “**As well**” is also a bit awkward in the second example. Robby's friend says, “*Will you be at Delirium then **as well**?*” Again, “**as well**” is used like “**too**.” It is awkward because we are not sure why “**as well**” is being used. It could mean, “You will be at Delirium this weekend. Will you be at Delirium next weekend **as well**?” or, “We will be at Delirium next weekend. Will you be at Delirium next weekend **as well**?” (Like, in addition to us, you will **also** be there.)

Harp: So, even in these examples, “**as well**” means “**too**” or “**also**” or “**in addition to**.”

- Maura: Oh, and if you're wondering what "Delirium" is...it must be the name of a bar or club in Brussels. But that is just my guess!
- Harp: We also have "**as well as**" but that's another story. We will include that in our Lipservice on our website Culips.com. Check it out and tell us what you think.
- Maura: That's about all the time we have for that question, but like we said, if you want more explanations, go to Lipservice.
- Harp: Exactly! You can find that on the website, C-U-L-I-P-S.com.
- Maura: Keep sending us your questions and we'll talk to you later!
- Harp: Bye everyone!
- Maura: Bye!

Detailed Explanation

Other words like “too” and “as well”

- Also
- Additionally
- To boot (slang)
- Likewise

Sentence placement

“**Too**,” “**also**,” and “**as well**” have the same or similar meanings, but where do we put them in a sentence? Sometimes there is more than one option.

I want to go **too**. (very common)

I, **too**, want to go. (very formal and old English-sounding)

They **also** want to visit. (very common)

Also, they want to visit. (formal)

They want to visit, **also**. (common in speech, never in writing)

They would like to come **as well**. (formal)

As well, they would like to come. (formal)

As well as

They would like to come, **as well as** Jim.

“**As well as**” has a slightly different meaning from “**as well**.” We use “**as well as**” when we add two things or people together in the same sentence. Here are some examples:

Jim would like to come. They would like to come **as well**.

Or in one sentence:

They would like to come, **as well as** Jim.

Another example:

I would like to see a movie. I would like to eat dinner **as well**.

Or in one sentence:

As well as the movie, I would like to eat dinner.

Notice that “**as well as**” goes with the information that we already know first. The new information does not go with “**as well as**.”

Another example:

Peter: I want to see a movie.

Bernie: All right. That sounds good to me.

Peter: I would like to eat dinner **as well as** see a movie.

You can also replace “**as well as**” with “**in addition to**.”

In addition to the proposal, we need to complete the profile.

Correcting the examples

Robby sent us some examples of how he heard a friend use “**as well**.” They sounded a bit awkward, so let’s fix them up.

Here is the first one:

*I don't think I will go out this weekend, but what about next weekend? Are you then in Brussels **as well**?*

The problem is with the last part, the question. It should be in a future verb tense, as the question is about the future. We also need to change the placement of “then.”

*I don't think I will go out this weekend, but what about next weekend? Will you be in Brussels then **as well**?*

The second example is almost perfect:

*Some friends of mine are coming too then, so we will go out for sure! Will you be at Delirium then **as well**?"*

We will only change the word order at the beginning.

*Some friends of mine are coming then too, so we will go out for sure! Will you be at Delirium then **as well**?*

Delirium

The actual word “**delirium**” is used to describe the state of a person who is extremely emotional and excited, and may also be experiencing shock, fever, hallucinations or delusions.

Like we said in this episode, “**Delirium**” is probably the name of a bar or club. It sounds like a nightclub because of the connection to words like “excitement” and “emotion” and “crazy.” Clubs want to sound *crazy fun* (slang).

Quiz (see the answers at the bottom of this Lipservice)

1. Does “as well” have the same meaning as “too”?

- a) Yes, they are exactly the same.
- b) No, not all.
- c) Yes, but “as well” is more formal.
- d) No, because “as well” is slang.

2. Which of the following sentences is correct?

- a) Too, Lee Ann is coming.
- b) Lee Ann is coming too.
- c) Lee Ann is too coming.

3. Which word is also used like “too” and “as well”?

- a) also
- b) well
- c) two
- d) all of the above

4. Steve: Hey, what are you doing later?

Greg: I was going to walk my dog.

Steve: I was _____ going to walk my dog.

Fill in the missing word.

- a) too
- b) as well
- c) also
- d) in addition to

5. Valerie: So, let's meet for dinner at 7:15.

Julie: Sounds good. Do you want to invite Josh _____?

- a) too
- b) also
- c) as well
- d) all of the above

Answers: 1. c 2. b 3. a 4. c 5. d