

# Max Online Lesson

## ハイレベル構文

<Unit 15>

may well, may as well



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# STEP 1

<英文解釈>

文の中でターゲット構文をつかむ

# 問題01

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< 出典 > 九州大学

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## 【MAX模範解答】

しかしながら、子供たちが遭遇するものの多くが（彼らにとっては）意味がなかったり、摩訶不思議であるということを考えれば、大人はなぜ彼らが（WHYという）この言葉をもっと頻繁に使わないのだろうかと思議に思うのももっともだ（大人たちは～と思議に思ってよい）。

# READING TIME

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# Point 1 : may well

may well / might well

① ~してもっともだ、② (十分) ~だろう

may

- ① ~してもよい
- ② ~だろう

well

十分に

サポート

50%





## 問題02

A woman whose sister had recently died got a call from a male friend who had lost his own sister a few years before. But as she talked, she could hear the clicking of the computer keys at the other end of the line. Slowly she realized that her friend was answering his e-mail. After they hung up, she felt so miserable that she wished he had never called at all. The friend may well have felt obliged to call and express his sympathy to the woman whose sister had died, but his lack of a full emotional connection made the call a hollow gesture.

< 出典 > 2008年 一橋大学 前期 一部編集

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### 【MAX模範解答】

その友人は姉（妹）のなくなった女性に電話して、お悔やみを示さなくてはならないと感じたのももっともなことだろうが、彼の感情的なつながりが十分ではなく、欠けていたことによって、その電話は見かけだけの（空虚な）行為になってしまったのだ。

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## 問題03

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< 出典 > 2019年 上智大学 2月6日

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假定法過去完了



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### 【MAX模範解答】

もしその（ユートピアという）言葉を会話で、例えばソフォクレスやホメロスと使ったところで、彼らは奇妙にあなたのことを見ていただろう。

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## 問題04

**If nothing else, the current COVID-19 epidemic represents an ironic contradiction. As the New York Times put it: “We’re in this together. We’re in this alone.”**  
**< 中略 > As the pandemic continues its rampage across the country, distancing curtails our instinctive need to socialize, our natural inclination to bond with others outside our families. Even our funerals must now be more isolated events.**

## 問題04

But it's important to remember that as we feel alone, we feel alone together. So we abide by warnings to stay apart, a concept so foreign to our nature it may as well suggest we build shelters in our basements.

< 出典 > The Berlin Sun, April 10, 2020 一部編集

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*(that)* **may as well V**

*so ~*

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### 【MAX模範解答】

それなので、私たちの本質（気質）からはあまりにもかけ離れていて地下にシェルターでも作っているのも同然である概念であるが、私たちは他人と距離を取れという忠告を守っていくのだ。

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## Point 2 : may as well

### may(might) as well

本来の意味



文脈の意味

さらに…

「～するのと同然だ」

「～した方がよい（ました）」

「せっかくなら、どうせなら」

## Point 2 : may as well

as ~ as B (Bと同じぐらいだ)

may **as** well V<sub>1</sub> **as** V<sub>2</sub>

V<sub>1</sub>に肯定的

V<sub>1</sub>に本来否定的

同じぐらい  
なら・・・



V<sub>1</sub>した方が  
よいかな



V<sub>1</sub>した方が  
マシだわ

may as wellは明確に比べるものがないだけ

## Point 2 : may as well

「その仕事は後伸ばしするより今やったほうが良い。」

You **may as well** do the task now **as** put it off.

「彼にお金を貸すぐらいなら、捨てたほうがまだ。」

You **might as well** throw your money into the sea **as** lend it to him.

なぜ **might as well V as V** はあまり使わないのか？



**would rather V than V** を使う

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さらに…

「せっかくなら、どうせなら」

Hundreds of tourists flocked to the beach in Southend on Sunday, on the first weekend since lockdown restrictions were eased across England. <中略> One tourist, who travelled about 70 miles from Dunstable, Bedfordshire, said: "[I thought] nice weather, haven't been to the beach for a while, so I **might as well**."

(BBC News, May 18, 2020)

## 問題05

Most people associate the word “addiction” with problems like gambling, alcoholism or drug abuse. But look at a child bent intently over the electric-blue glow of a smartphone, and it’s hard not to wonder whether we need to expand our definition of “addiction”. “It’s not a drug, but it might as well be,” said Robert Lustig, a professor at the University of Southern California. Lustig studies what happens to our brains when they’re addicted, be it to sugar or heroin. He’s found that the brain responds to technology much in the same way it responds to other addictive substances.

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### 【MAX模範解答】

「それは薬物ではないが、それ同然と言ってよいだろう。」  
ラスティグはそれが砂糖であろうがヘロインであろうが、中毒になった時、私たちの脳に何が起きるのかを研究している。そして彼は、脳は他の中毒物質に反応するのと同じようにテクノロジーに反応するということを発見した。



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## STEP 2 & STEP 3

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