

## Phrases with As — As

**Point 1:** There are some common phrases in English that use the words 'as — as' to express specific feelings.

1. Stay **as long as** you like.
2. You will pass **as long as** you study.
3. This is **as good as** it gets.
4. Call me **as soon as** you can.
5. Have **as much as** you like.

**Point 2:** The phrase '**as long as**' is also a conjunction and is similar to the word 'if' because it states a condition.

1. We will arrive on time **as long as** there is no traffic.
2. You can come **as long as** you help with expenses.
3. I will help you **as long as** you try your best.
4. We will play **as long as** it does not rain.

**Point 3:** The phrase '**as long as**' can be a time phrase and mean there is no time limit for something.

1. You can stay here **as long as** you like.
2. I can work at my job **as long as** I want.
3. She can use my car **as long as** she wants.
4. On Saturday, I can sleep in **as long as** my heart desires.

**Point 4:** The phrase '**as good as it gets**' means the conditions for something to take place are perfect or cannot be improved.

1. Life at the beach is **as good as** it gets.
2. College life is **as good as** it gets.
3. A day on the ski slopes is **as good as** it gets.
4. Growing up on a farm was **as good as** it gets.

**Point 5:** The words '**as soon as**' refer to something that happened or should happen immediately.

1. Call me **as soon as** you get home.
2. Mail this **as soon as** possible.
3. I will ask him **as soon as** I get home.
4. They will tell you the results **as soon as** they make a decision.

We often use the acronym ASAP for **as soon as possible**. Notice the example below.

- I need this ASAP.

- I will do it ASAP.

**Point 6:** The phrases 'as much/many as' refer to the quantity of actions or items.

1. Try to do **as much as** you can.
2. You can eat **as many cookies as** you like.
3. I try to save **as much as** I can.
4. She can borrow **as many books as** she likes.

**Point 7:** The phrase 'as far as I know' means someone thinks something is true, but they could be wrong.

1. **As far as I know**, Bill is coming tonight.
2. **As far as I know**, the meeting is not canceled.
3. The party, **as far as I know**, ends at midnight.
4. Jim, **as far as I know**, is still in charge.

**Point 7:** The phrase 'as much as I'd like to --' is a polite phrase said before declining an offer or request.

1. **As much as I'd like to** help you, I can't this week.
2. **As much as I'd like to** lend you money, I can't right now.
3. **As much as I'd like to** attend the party, I can't.
4. **As much as I'd like to** do this, I just can't.

## Phrases with "as ... as"

Watch four videos using phrases with "as .. as" in conversation.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** Can I use your bicycle? My car is in the shop.

**Woman:** Sure, come and get it whenever you want.

**Man:** Can I use it for a week?

**Woman:** Of course! Use it **as long as** you like.

**Man:** Great. **As soon as** my car is fixed, I'll return it.

**Woman:** No rush. Like I said, keep it **as long as** you like. I never use it.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** Boss, can I leave early today? I want to leave because I want to beat the traffic.

**Woman:** I suppose, **as long as** your work is done.

**Man:** It is, unless you have more work for me to do.

**Woman:** **As far as** I know, that is all we have to do today.

**Man:** Great, then can I leave now?

**Woman:** I don't see why not. Have a good weekend.

**Man:** Thanks, you too.

### Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** This weather is so nice.

**Woman:** I know. This is **as good as** it gets.

**Man:** Wow, will the weather be like this all week?

**Woman:** **As far as** I know.

**Man:** I could stay here all night.

**Woman:** I could too, **as long as** there aren't too many bugs.

**Man:** Actually, there are some at dusk. They come out **as soon as** the sun starts to set.

**Woman:** Well, **as long as** there are not too many, I'm happy.

### Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** This pasta is so good. Can I have some more?

**Woman:** Yes, have **as much as** you like.

**Man:** Thank you. I rarely get home-cooked food like this.

**Woman:** Well, to be honest, I don't invite people over **as often as** I should.

**Man:** Well, regardless, I appreciate you having me over.

**Woman:** Thanks. In the future, I'll try to have you over **as much as** I can.

**Man:** Thanks. I'd appreciate that.

## Quiz

*Answer these questions about the interview.*

1) What does the man want to borrow?

- a) A car
- b) A bike**
- c) Both

2) Why does the man want to leave early?

- a) He is sick.
- b) He has an appointment.
- c) He wants to beat the traffic.**

3) What does the woman worry about?

**a) Insects**

b) Sunburn

c) Bad weather

4) What does the woman offer to do?

a) Make more pasta

**b) Invite him to dinner**

c) Drive the man home

**Gap Fill:** Listen to the audio. Type in the correct word!

**Conversation 1**

**Man:** Can I use your bicycle? My car is in the **shop/shops**.

**Woman:** Sure, come and get it **wherever/whenever** you want.

**Man:** Can I use it **for/from** a week?

**Woman:** Of course! Use it as long as you **like//likes**.

**Man:** Great. As soon as my car is **fixing/fixed**, I'll return it.

**Woman:** No rush. Like I said, keep it as long as you like. I **never/always** use it.

**Conversation 2**

**Man:** Boss, can I leave early today? I want to leave because I want to **bring/beat** the traffic.

**Woman:** I suppose, as long as your work is **doing/done**.

**Man:** It is, unless you have more work for me to **do/done**.

**Woman:** As far as I know, that is **always/all** we have to do today.

**Man:** Great, then can I leave **now/next**?

**Woman:** I don't see **what/why** not. Have a good weekend.

**Man:** Thanks, **me/you** too.

### Conversation 3

**Man:** This weather is so **nice/nicely**.

**Woman:** I know. This is as good as it **gets/get**.

**Man:** Wow, will the weather be like **that/this** all week?

**Woman:** As far as I **know/knows**.

**Man:** I could stay here all **nights//night**.

**Woman:** I could too, as long as there aren't too **many//much** bugs.

**Man:** Actually, there are some at dusk. They come out as soon as the sun starts to **set/sit**.

**Woman:** Well, as long as there are not too **much/many**, I'm happy.

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**Man:** Thanks. I'd appreciate **themthat**.

# Corporate Terminology - Nice Words

## **To Apologize**

To communicate feeling sorry for a mistake someone made or bad behavior.

“Let me apologize for Mark’s behavior. He is really sorry that the situation got the worst of him.”

"Please accept my apologies for Mark’s conduct. He deeply regrets that he did not maintain his usual professional composure during that situation."

## **To Enquire**

To ask about something.

“The director enquired about the status of the monthly report.”

“Your enquire about the results of the survey was sent to HR for approval”

## **Challenging**

Use this word instead of difficult to give a more positive connotation.

“It is challenging to do business with the actual international environment.”

“Given the current international affairs, doing business comes with some challenges.”

## **To Elaborate**

To explain something in more detail.

“I understand your main point. Could you elaborate on that?”

“Thank you for sharing your main point. Could you please elaborate a bit so we can have a better picture?”