



Phrases with Just

There are many phrases with the word “just”. Let’s learn a few that native speakers typically use.

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Just about

Informal expression to say “almost exactly”.

*Have you finished reading the book yet?
Just about.*

This person is saying that haven't finished the book but are very close, perhaps on the last page.

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Just a minute

Idiom to ask somebody to wait a short time. Also, “just a second” or “just a moment”.

Are you coming? Just a minute!

This person is saying that are coming very shortly and the other person should wait for them.

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Just now

Informal expression to say at the moment or a short while ago that is very close to the present moment.

I've forgotten your name again, I know you told me just now.

This person is saying that a short time ago but in this present conversation the person said their name.

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Just on

British English expression meaning “precisely” typically used with numbers and time.

Luckily, we arrived just on 4.

This person is saying that they arrived at precisely 4.

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Just so

Expression meaning perfectly clean, tidy and organised.

I made the sitting room just so before the guests arrived.

This person is saying that the sitting room was perfectly clean and tidy.

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Just as + adj +as

Expression followed by adj + as to say an equal degree when comparing.

Our house is just as big as theirs.

This person is saying that their house is equally big. The just adds some attitude to the sentence.

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Just like that

Informal expression following an instruction or demonstration to say something is simple.

You open the jar just like that.

This person would be showing how to open the jar at the same time and expressing it is simple to open.

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I'm just saying

Expression used after an offensive or mean comment to say “what I said is mean but true and I’m not going to apologise”.

The perfume smells awful, I'm just saying.

This person is saying the perfume doesn't smell nice. It may be a mean comment but it's true and they're not going to apologise for saying something mean.

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Just my luck

Informal expression to say unlucky things normally happen to you.

When I sat down, the seat was wet. Just my luck!

This person suggests that they are always unlucky. The latest example was sitting down on a wet seat.

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It's just as well

Expression to say an event was lucky even if it wasn't expected.

It's just as well we have a seat inside the café as it's started to rain.

This person suggests they are lucky to have an indoor seat because it's started raining.

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It's just one of those things

Informal expression to say that an unlucky event has happened but it could have been any person who experienced it.

I missed my train but it's just one of those things.

This person explains they missed their train, which was an unlucky situation. However, it could have happened to any person.

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Might just as well

Expression to say there is no reason not to do something, even if it's a little extra cost.

We might just as well upgrade to first class seats.

This person explains there isn't any reason why they can't or shouldn't upgrade their seat to first class.

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Just help yourselves!

Informal expression to say any person can take the food or drink they want at an event.

Hi Jim, just help yourself to drink, it's in the fridge.

This person tells Jim to take any drink from the fridge when he wants.

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It might just help

Expression to say perhaps something will help even if unexpected.

Have a tablet, it might just help.

This person tells somebody to have a tablet as it might possibly help the situation.

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Didn't he just!

Expression to emphasise agreement with somebody. It can be used in present tense too (don't/doesn't) and the subject can also change.

He really looks like his dad. Doesn't he just!

This person explains a boy looks like his dad. Somebody completely agrees with this statement.

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Just get/got + adj

Informal American English expression to say recently something has changed.

Booking holidays just got easier.

This person explains that the process of booking a holiday has recently become easier. It's often used in advertising slogans.