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adverb

1 AND/ALSO in addition to something else that you have mentioned

→ **as well, too:**

*Information is also available on women's health care.*

*She sings beautifully **and also** plays the flute and piano.*

*The system was **not only** complicated **but also** ineffective.*

In written English, avoid starting a sentence with **also**. Use **furthermore** or **moreover** instead, or put **also** before the main verb:

*Also, it costs more.*

→ **Furthermore**, it costs more.

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It **also** costs more.

2 AND/ALSO used to say that the same thing is true about another person or thing:

*My girlfriend was also called Helen.*

### Word origin

**Language:** Old English

**Origin:** *eallswa*, from *eall* 'completely' + *swa* 'so'

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