

best²

S1 W2

adverb [superlative of well]

1 **BEST** in a way that is better than any other:

It works best if you let it warm up first.

This can best be described as a series of steps.

the best-dressed man in Paris

2 **BEST** to the greatest degree

SYN most

You know him best – you should ask him.

The part I like best is the meal afterwards.

*He's perhaps **best known** for his role in 'Midnight Cowboy'.*

3 **as best you can** (spoken) **GOOD ENOUGH**

as well as you can, even if this is not very good:

I'll try and fix it as best I can.

4 **had best** (spoken) **SHOULD/UGHT TO**

ought to:

We'd best be getting back.

→ **had better** AT BETTER² (3)