

Because Meaning

*Language Change through Iconicity in Internet Speak**

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I. Introduction

Typically, *because* takes a clausal complement (e.g. *because he left*) or a nominal complement preceded by *of* (e.g. *because of him*). Recently, however, we find usages of *because* followed by a bare noun, verb, adjective, or adverb (e.g. *because internet, because want, because awesome, because honestly*). These usages (hereafter referred to as the *because X* construction) began in written internet communication, but have since spread to spoken interactions as well. This thesis examines the relationship between this new syntax and its new semantics and pragmatics, and argues that speakers play on listeners' syntactic and semantic expectations to draw attention to the form of their utterance. This enables an iconic connection between form and meaning, which in turn drives the generation of pragmatic enrichment.

The methods utilized for this study are linguistic analysis, a compilation of attested examples (Appendix A), and a qualitative survey of speakers' interpretation of selected examples (Appendix B). The corpus and survey results are included as appendices.

A database was compiled from the internet through google searches of common combinations. Any page that has one of these combinations is searched for other usages of *because*, since the author/site has demonstrated a penchant for the construction. This

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methodology has been conducted for the first 10 pages of Google results for the searches “because awesome”, “because crazy”, “because math”, “because patriarchy”, “because reasons”, “because science”, “because tired”, “because want”, and “because yay”, and 317 instances of the construction were collected.

The survey was conducted through a google form distributed on Facebook. Sixteen participants responded. The questions asked for evaluations of seven attested instances of *because X* sentences, what it meant in context and/or why the speaker might have chosen the construction, rather than a typical *because* construction.

II. Syntax of *Because*

Syntactically, typical *because* takes two different options as complements. The first option is a clausal complement, with an entire proposition occurring after *because*. e.g:

- (1) I am going to a sandwich shop because I'm hungry.
[P CP]

In this case the complete CP *I'm hungry* completes the *because* clause. The second option is an *of*-phrase – *of* followed by a noun phrase. e.g:

- (2) The ground is wet because of the rain.
[P P NP]

Typical *because* functions syntactically in a sentence by introducing a subordinate clause. Grammaticists have debated what category of part of speech *because* belongs in. The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language explains that while traditional grammars would put the subordinating conjunctions class of which *because* is part in a separate part-of-speech category, the Cambridge Grammar itself places these subordinating conjunctions within the preposition

category (Huddleston & Pullum, 2002). The subordinating constructions, not unlike prepositions generally, each allow a different set of possible complements.

The well-established allowable complements for *because* are as described above: a nominal complement preceded by *of* or a clausal complement. There are, however, examples – stretching back long before the internet age – of *because* followed by a reduced form, most commonly an Adjective or Adjectival Phrase, such as (emphasis added):

(3) [the cattle were] sold along the way because tired or lame. (cattle drive account, 1783)

(4) The wealthy, healthy, wise, famous and those favored by song, women and wine, all have, in individual instances committed suicide because “tired of life”. (Amyrc 1898, p. 109)

(5) Taboo connotes Greek *ἄγος* and *ἅγιος*, Latin *sacer*, holy or accursed because awesome. (Hopkins 1918, p. 67)

Each of these instances display *because* followed by adjectival phrases rather than the typical clausal or nominal complement. Crucially, examples (3)-(5) appear to operate on pure ellipsis; no meaning is added to the sentence due to the reduced form of *because*'s adjectival complement. The cattle in (3) were sold because *they were* tired or lame. *They* and *were* can easily be filled in from context, and the reader loses nothing of the meaning by their ellipsis. Similarly, the individuals in (4) are said to have committed suicide because *they were* “tired of life.” The expansion of (5) could include *it is* before *awesome*. This elliptical process functions analogously to that for other grammatical words, such as the comparative *than*. In (6)-(8), a noun, an adjective, or a verb sits isolated after *than*, and the rest of the subordinating clause is easily filled in without affecting the meaning of the sentence:

(6) Kim is taller than Jesse ~~is tall~~.

(6') Kim is taller than Jesse.

In this case we see *is tall* from (6) removed in (6'), leaving only a noun after *than*, but with no considerable difference of meaning conveyed.

(7) She gave out more blue toys than ~~she gave out~~ red toys.

(7') She gave out more blue toys than red.

Similarly (7') refers to an identical scenario as (7), though *toys* has been removed. In this case an adjective *red* is isolated after *than*.

(8) She more grunts than ~~she~~ sings.

(8') She more grunts than sings.

This case follows a similar procedure, this time the pronoun *she* is deleted, leaving the verb *sings* isolated. The process of ellipsis for *than*-clauses is similar to the ellipsis process for the old examples of *because X* given in (3)-(5).

The external syntax of *because* allows it to occur either before or after the main clause in a sentence, so that (2) could be restated as (2'):

(2) I'm going to the sandwich shop because I'm hungry.

(2') Because I'm hungry, I'm going to the sandwich shop.

The entire *because* clause has been moved before the main clause. While this is an option for typical *because*, this external syntax does not hold for *because X*. So that the sentence (9) would not be found reworded as (9').

(9) It rarely works out that way, because....tired. (Mabry 2014)

(9') *Because....tired, it rarely works out that way.

In this case, ...*tired* is only enabled as a complement to *because* after the main clause, as in (9). *Because X* never occurs before a separate main clause in a sentence. This restriction on the external syntax for *because X* relates to its semantic and pragmatic function. The expectation created by *because* for an explanation of what precedes it enables the semantic associations discussed later in this thesis.

Linguists and other language scholars have informally discussed the development of *because X*. The American Dialect Society's selection of *because* as their 2013 word of the year highlighted this discussion (American Dialect Society 2014). Most of these linguistic analyses have focused on what exactly is going on syntactically. These analyses of the syntax of *because X* have sometimes mirrored the previously described debate about the word-class status of *because*. Some have stated – based off the traditional grammar classification of *because* outside of the preposition class (as mentioned in Huddleston & Pullum, 2002) – that *because* has now become a preposition, titling the new construction *prepositional because* (Carey 2013, Whitman 2013). Gretchen McCulloch points to an issue with this interpretation: if we take the definition of preposition which includes subordinating conjunctions such as *because*, the new development cannot be toward re-classification as a preposition (McCulloch 2013). McCulloch argues that the syntactic change in the modern usage is instead an expansion of the allowed complements for *because* to include interjections. The argument that all the complements used in *because X* are interjections is difficult to defend, however, with examples such as *reasons*, *tired*, and *patriarchy*.

Furthermore none of these analyses consider the past examples referenced above in (3)-(5), where a construction which appears syntactically just like *because X* occurred before the

modern internet era. The emphasis on the syntactic shape of *because X* ignores the more significant facets of development on semantic and pragmatic layers.

Discussions of *because X* have also considered where this new syntax could have come from. Several theories have been advanced. The comment section of a Language Log post holds almost as many origin theories as there are commenters; everyone remembers hearing it first a different time (Lieberman 2012). One origin suggestion in the comments points to January 2011 craigslist ad which started a *because racecar* meme. Another commenter suggests the sign off *because fuck you* which stretches as far back as 2001. Another pushes the date further back still, all the way to the 1980s with one of a series of *Deep Thoughts* on the television show *Saturday Night Live*, which had the following sentence (emphasis added):

- (10) If you ever fall off the Sears tower, just go real limp, because maybe you'll look like a dummy, and people will try to catch you because, hey, free dummy. (quoted by John Laviolette in Lieberman 2012)

The inability of observers to pinpoint the first time *because X* occurred meshes cohesively with the historical examples provided above and points to the significance of *because X* lying elsewhere than in brand new syntax. Instead, new semantic and pragmatic associations with the construction are what have made it new. The conversations surrounding *because X* on the internet so far have only casually considered semantics.

III. Semantic Development

The typical meaning of *because* is examined by Torgrim Solstad (2009). He describes how *because* establishes a causality relationship between the complement of *because* – as causer – and the main clause – which is caused. This causation can be understood as either a direct cause or as a rational for the action in the main clause. From this analysis, we see that the

placement of *because* in a sentence creates an expectation on the part of the listener for an explanation for the main clause. This can be seen in (11):

(11) Amy owns a musical instrument because Leslie gave her a guitar.

The complement of *because*, in this case *Leslie gave her a guitar*, is expected to be the cause of the main clause *Amy has a musical instrument*.

Additionally, within the semantics of *because*, we see a subtle but significant difference in the function of the different types of complements, entities vs. events. If the nominal complement within the *of*-phrase is an entity rather than an event (cf. Pylkkänen 2008, pp. 86-87), we see an interpretation required on the part of the listener. They have to be transforming the entity into an event, so that in (14) The listener will interpret *because of Sue* to mean ‘because Sue endorsed Lynn’ or ‘because Sue resigned’ or whatever else the context provides.

(12) Lynn won the election because Sue bowed out of the race.

(13) Lynn won the election because of Sue’s resignation.

(14) Lynn won the election because of Sue.

The entity complement in (12) requires no such interpretation (note that this difference is drawn on semantic lines rather than syntactic as (13) provides an example of nominal complement which doesn’t require this interpretation because it refers to an event). This listener process connects with the regular assumption that events cause events and entities do not cause events. This traditionally established process of semantic interpretation to deal with non-prototypical causes could help enable the semantic interpretation seen in the rise of *because X*. When compared with other subordinating conjunctions, such as the semantically similar higher register *since*, we do not see the same semantic interpretation flexibility. *Since* – when meaning *because* – cannot take nominal complements, as seen in the ungrammaticality of (15’)

(15) Lynn won the election since Sue bowed out of the race.

(15') *Lynn won the election since (of) Sue.

Despite sharing the same context as the *because* examples in (12)-(14), *since* cannot license the nominal complement *Sue*.

Because X functions differently from *because* in semantic interpretation. The *X* component often does not meet the expectation of explanation which *because* raises. Analogous to the entity placement after typical *because* cuing the listener to the necessity for some additional analysis, the lack of a proposition cues the speaker to analyze *because X* more closely. The application of the entity to event analysis above, however, often results in semantic underspecification or leads to the wrong interpretation, as seen in (16).

(16) A PRAYING MANTIS WEARS 3D GLASSES BECAUSE SCIENCE (Walters 2014)

This comes from the title of a video. Even if *science* in this sentence is taken as an entity associated with the causal event for the main clause, the meaning of the sentence is unclear: thorough what event could science cause the praying mantis' activity? Instead, *science* likely represents the speaker's inability to provide an explanation.

As stated above, *because X*, unlike typical *because* clauses, cannot occur at the beginning of the sentence, before the main clause. This provides evidence that *because X* relies on the expectation of an explanation having been created. When a *because* clause comes before the main clause, the listener's expectations are focused on the main clause – i.e. the listener expects a likely effect of *because*'s complement. The structure of the sentence wherein *because* follows a main clause, however, focuses this expectation on the complement of *because* (to provide an explanation for what they've heard in the main clause). This makes the listener consider

carefully why their expectation wasn't met and what reasons the speaker might have for not providing an explanation. This sends the listener right into a Gricean analysis seeking where in the communication agreement the fulfillment of their expectations broke down. This Gricean analysis proves crucial to the understanding of *because X*.

IV. Pragmatic Analyses of *Because X* Instances

In examining the pragmatics of the situation, I use *q* to represent the expected utterance and *p* to represent the given utterance, which replaces the expectation. The expected *q* in a complement for *because* is a cause or rationale for the main clause. After *because*, as in a discourse after a *why* question, Grice's co-operative agreement would have the speaker giving an explanation to the best of their ability (cf. Grice 1975, Levinson 1983 pp. 101-102). When instead, the listener hears a single word – the given utterance *p* –, which often does not provide even a possible interpretation which would fulfill this burden of explanation, the listener considers why the *q* proposition was not provided. If the speaker is assumed to be both informed and desiring to communicate cooperatively, the Gricean implicature drawn from this situation is that the choice to utter *p* rather than *q* was that *q* is false. Since the placement of *because* does not specify exactly what *q* would be – instead, it can be any explanation –, *q* being false can be taken to mean that *q* – any explanation – does not exist. The use of *because X* when *X* is not a sufficient explanation for the main clause can be understood by the listener to mean that the main clause has no explanation.

The above implicature is drawn by speakers in some cases. It is very likely the case with the following example:

(17) Need a new blog[...]Because...Because reasons! Damn you. Because. (Kat 2012)

In (17), the author of this blog states that they need a new blog and then utters *because*, raising that expectation of explanation. Then, the ...*because reasons* does not provide the reason, but rather highlights the absence of one. This implicature relies, however, on the established informational and discourse contexts. The listener must know that the speaker has access to all available information and that the purpose of communication on the part of the speaker is such that they wish to provide an explanation. In (17) we can assume that the blog writer has access to information pertaining to why they need a new blog. The discourse context could be called into question, and instead of the ‘not q’ reading above, we could have a reading that by violating the maxim of quantity, the speaker communicates that they are in fact not wanting nor feeling the need to explain why they are starting this blog. These same two options are available in (18).

(18) Eating green pepper and onion pizza at 9:30 at night because yay. (Sydnee 2014)

The speaker presumably has access to whatever practical reasons they might have for eating that pizza at that time. By saying *yay* instead of *I haven’t gotten a chance to eat all day* or *I’ve been craving this pizza for weeks and I just flew back home* or any number of other logical *qs*, the speaker violates the Maxim of Quantity. From this, the listener could draw either the implicature that the speaker has no real reason for eating the pizza or that they do not wish to explain their late night pizza-eating habits. The aftermath of *because X* as illustrated by these examples is significant underspecification as to the intended meaning of the sentence.

In its underspecification, *Because X* can convey to a listener several different meanings. For this thesis I organized the meanings into four categories: SARCASM, INHERENCY, SUMMARY, and DIVERSION, represented respectively by (19)-(22):

(19) This shaming tactic can be employed in the following way: “I can ignore your emotions and opinions because... patriarchy!” (Tieman 2012)

(20) awesome because awesome (Scratch 2010)

(21) But then my Emmy snub rage is tempered because YAY MAYIM!! (laugh 2013)

(22) Why are there turtles in the living room? Because Boycie (Urban 2012)

Each of these conveyed meanings, into one of which any given instance of *because X* will likely fall, relies on a pragmatic understanding between the speaker and the listener because they each violate Gricean maxims. In the first place, the atypical syntax, identified by some speakers as “incorrect grammar” can be said to violate the Maxim of Manner, specifically the sub-maxim Be Orderly. By using the less accepted grammatical form *because X*, the speaker draws attention to the form, and the listener draws the implicature that the specific phrasing is intentional and tied to the meaning of the utterance.

The meaning of SARCASM flouts the Maxim of Quality – i.e. Do not say what you believe to be false. My database catalogs 27 instances of this meaning association. In (19), the example of the Sarcasm category, the speaker does not believe *patriarchy* actually justifies the previous sentence. By presenting an obviously false meaning, the speaker sets up the negation of that statement in the listener’s mind.

The Maxim of Quantity – i.e. Provide as much information as is required – is apparently flouted in *because X* in the Inherency and Summary categories. Example (20) demonstrates a truism of the Inherency category, where no explanation for the part of the utterance before *because* is offered except a re-utterance of a word from it. I marked 23 instances as belonging to this category. Here the expected quantity of information – an explanation – is not provided, but the implicature is that in fact that explanation is not required, that the explanation is so inherent as to be obvious. The Summary category, represented by (21), shows the reduced *because* complement standing in for a larger explanation. In this case, *because YAY MAYIM* does not

provide all the information required for explanation, but that can be interpreted from context. For this category, the implicature from the Maxim of Quantity cues the listener to look for explanation and interpret it from the incomplete explanation given. The process for Summary cases is the most similar out of all the meaning categories to the entity to event analysis for typical *because* as described in section IV. This category encompasses 148 of my examples. Further investigation of the meanings associated with summary suggests a sub-category where the summary – incomplete though it is – is also the summation of possible explanation.

The Maxim of Relevance is flouted in the Diversion category. This category, accounting for approximately 61 of the instances in my database, labels when the speaker provides a *because*-complement that has no relation whatsoever to the main clause. The example of (22) above comes from an Urban Dictionary entry for the definition of *because Boycie*, under the definition “The excuse for anything” (Urban 2012). Given that the Urban Dictionary is crowd sourced, this definition likely operates in a small linguistic community, but similar usages of *because X* – with the *X* as an irrelevant “excuse for anything” – exist in different communities. Another case that’s more generalizable is *because* followed by *George Bush* or *Obama*. In this flouting of the Maxim of Relevance, the implicature is that the speaker does not wish to attempt an explanation.

The results of my survey lay bare the Gricean analysis on the part of listeners due to the underspecification they must wrestle with. *Because X*, like other creative word plays, gives a window here into a linguistic process.

In answer to the survey question “Consider the Sentence: *The current situation is just not sustainable for any of us. Because reasons.* Why doesn’t the speaker state their reasons?” One respondent wrote:

“I think because the reasons are either unknown, unclear or stupid. This way, the listener is more focused on the incorrect grammar than on the fact that there were no reasons stated.” (Meaning Survey)

In this responses first sentence, we see the underspecification described above. In the given context the reasons being unknown, unclear, or stupid are three different options for the intentions of the sentence. Furthermore, the listener’s response displays that the form of the sentence (“incorrect grammar”) is highlighted by the use of *because X*. The form being highlighted is what enables iconicity being drawn from the form.

V. Iconicity Enabled in *Because X*

Iconicity contrasts with the general linguistic understanding and conception of language as arbitrary, wherein the form of a linguistic sound or motion is not connected in any logical way with the meaning communicated by that sound or motion (cf. Hockett, 1959). The only way a speaker can discern the meaning from the form is based on previous social experience. As one example, consider the word *monkey*. There is nothing in the string of sounds [mʌŋki] which inherently connects with the animal whose image the word calls to mind.

This arbitrariness is true of most words. Some exceptions are recognized as iconic, to varying degrees. The quintessential iconicity example is onomatopoeic words, such as *crash*. In this case, our spoken word attempts to imitate the exact sound made in a crash. We call that connection between form and meaning iconicity.

Certain words can be iconic and grammatical constructions can as well. The discussion of this form-meaning connection in grammar was stirred up in the early 1980s with an Iconicity in Syntax symposium (Haiman 1985). One paper presented by T. Givón describes in a broad theoretical framework the ideas behind our understanding of iconicity and ways we can see how

language developed through iconicity (Givón, 1985). This paper shows traditional linguistic understanding of iconicity as an attempt by speakers to produce a linguistic form based closely on the real world meaning, to produce a type of imitation. Then as language develops that imitation moves gradually away from being similar in form to the meaning until it is completely symbolic and we have that standard arbitrariness of language, with no remaining form-meaning connection. So we see traditionally understood a trajectory from more iconicity to more arbitrariness as language develops. *Because X* fits into this conversation in a new way.

First, on a foundational level, formal markedness has been argued to in any case indicate added meaning. A departure from the expected or default syntactic form will lead the listener to look for additional meaning from what they would expect in the default form. This markedness iconicity is attested in *because X*.

More specifically, the shape of the syntax in *because X* enables iconicity. The reduced form of a single word in the place of a full clause or phrase links with the reduced explanatory sufficiency of the *because X* clause. As stated above, *because* creates an expectation of either a cause or reasoning for the main clause to come after it. The reduced explanatory sufficiency of *because X* disappoints this expectation.

As established in section II above, the *because X* form was in fact existent before the modern internet popularization. This makes *because X* a case of iconicity where the meaning has been gleaned from the form. Traditionally understood iconicity described above is when a linguistic form is created to match its meaning. Contrary to this uni-directional view of iconicity, Lars Elleström (2010) argues for additional trajectories for “iconicity as meaning miming meaning and meaning miming form,” with the latter being a hypothesized situation wherein a meaning will be drawn iconically from an existing form. *Because X* fits here in the discussion as

just such a situation. The case of *because X* demonstrates that you can have bi-directional iconicity, with an existing syntactic form becoming usable and noticed due to the addition of semantic associations which were drawn from the form.

To more closely examine the iconic connections between form and meaning in instances of *because X*, we can look to the different categories of meanings gleaned from its use. The categorizations used in this project are represented in sentences (23)-(26) below.

(23) This shaming tactic can be employed in the following way: “I can ignore your emotions and opinions because... patriarchy!” (Tieman 2012)

This sentence is uttered in a video by an individual arguing that feminists use the referred to *tactic* unfairly in arguments. The implication is that the provided complement to *because* is understood to be an inadequate explanation for the main clause, fitting within the reduced explanatory sufficiency meaning from a reduced form explanation above. (23) represents the *because X* semantic category of Sarcasm, while (24) represents the category Diversion:

(24) This exercise in surrealism comes at seemingly no provocation from an artist at Bandai’s capsule toy department because reasons. (Mike 2014)

This comes from a blog post describing a toy collection, and the usage of the construction carries the meaning of Diversion, where the speaker provides a word that basically changes the subject. This category iconically conveys that the explanation is inaccessible to the speaker at this time. The Inherency category also draws an iconic connection.

(25) awesome because awesome (Scratch 2010)

The above instance is the title of a collection of images on someone’s website. It represents the meaning category of Inherency. The juxtaposition of *awesome* in the place where an explanation for *awesome* is expected conveys the meaning that the explanation is inherent in

the main clause. This connects iconically through the idea that the explanation is so obvious as to be unnecessary. This meaning category nudges the listener to reconsider the main clause and to agree with the speaker on just how self-explanatory the main clause is.

(26) Oh and by the way, as an offshoot of that Benda storyline, Ultron's consciousness wound up in outer space eventually because, you know, comics. (IGN 2013)

This entry comes from a video where the speaker is explaining the fantastical events of a comic book storyline. By saying *because, you know, comics*, the speaker does not provide a spelled out explanation, but rather a shorthand summary. The meaning in (26) can be categorized as Summary. This usage of the construction cues the speaker – here explicitly – to consider outside knowledge. The idea conveyed is that that a sufficient explanation is not required because of the shared knowledge of speaker and listener. This categories' iconic connection comes from the speaker's intentional use of the reduced syntactic form to highlight the lack of necessity of a complete explanation within the community of his listeners.

Throughout the categories and examples presented to represent the meaning categorizations, it should be noted that the meanings interrelate and sometimes even with all available context, the categorization is unclear. This does not present a problem to the present analysis but rather bolsters it. The underspecification in meaning connects with the iconically represented reduced explanatory sufficiency.

VI. Discussion & Conclusion

This thesis evaluates the syntactic change and semantic development in the rise of the *because X* construction in recent years. In Section II, attempts at syntactic classification and some theories on the origin of the construction are considered, in comparison to analysis of the

syntax of typical *because*. This thesis takes the position that *because X* syntax existed as a rarely used elliptical variant prior to the modern rise in popularity.

The recent events surrounding *because* are notable on account of the semantic development examined in section III. This section demonstrates how *because X* after the main clause fails to meet the listener's expectations for an explanation, cuing them to closely analyze the utterance pragmatically. The development relies on a semantic and pragmatic underspecification. Section IV argues that the underspecification resulting after pragmatic processing draws the listener's attention more closely to the form of the construction, enabling an iconic connection. Finally, section V delineates the iconic connection between the form of *because X* and the meanings associated with it, and further explains how the pre-existence of the form makes this an instance of Elleström's theorized "Iconicity as Meaning Miming Meaning".

In conclusion, we see that the recent rise in popularity of *because X* is based in an interplay of semantics, pragmatics, and iconicity. *Because X* provides a case study for how language can develop through added iconic connections.

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Appendix A – Database of Attested Examples

Sheet 1 – Sentential Instances

Sentence	Word	Date	Syn Cat	Sem Cat	Found	Url
And because want to. That's why.	want	2011.10.17	VP	?	"BW"	http://www.weddingbee.com/2011/10/17/because-i-want-to-thats-why-2/#axzz35gTSGljF
..., surges because... yay virus counters ^^	_+virus	2014.04.24	Int+NP	?	"BY"	http://netrunnerdb.com/en/decklist/4556/free-money-modded-
plascrete for crash space (because f*ck tags)	f***	2014.04.24	VP	?	Stum	http://netrunnerdb.com/en/decklist/4556/free-money-modded-
"But listen, I called because I don't want you to worry. Becausey yay! Yay, they're going to love it..."	yay!	c.2013	Int	Diversion	"BY"	Double Feature (book) p. 112 http://books.google.com/books?id=RnymAwwAAQBAJ&pg=PA112&lpg=PA112&dq=%22because+yay%22&source=bl&ots=Yvab42EAVG&sig=a3hruKOE NwsPnVnzuf5w3WDdhQ&hl=en&sa=X&ei=MISkU8i_BNPpoASWuoLADQ&ved=0CFMQ6AEwCDge#v=onepage&q=%22because%20yay%22&f=false
And then I drew fefquius BECAUSE REASONS	reasons	2013.08	NP	Diversion	"BR"	http://moirallegianceismagic.tumblr.com/post/33056202924/and-then-i-drew-fefquius-because-reasons
Because yay! That's all.	yay	2011.12.25	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://lordess-alicia.deviantart.com/journal/Hi-275769340#comments
Because...Because reasons! Damn you. Because.	reasons	2012.07.18	NP	Diversion	"BR"	http://kat2107.tumblr.com/post/27478854524/new
Bucky Nat because reasons	reasons	2014.05.31	NP	Diversion	"BR"	http://scratchthemaven.tumblr.com/post/87438190159/gallifreysbastard-bucky-nat-because-reasons
changes font to fira because yay	yay	2014.06.09	Int	Diversion	"BY"	https://github.com/ghaida/ghaidazahrans-home
Drew hte Sly because yay	yay	2013.07.20	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://slyfoxhound.tumblr.com/post/55974894305/aleksandrvtaly-drew-hte-sly-because-yay-ekkkk
Eating green pepper and onion pizza at 9:30 at night because yay	yay	2014.05	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://web.stagram.com/n/_theboywiththebread/
it makes me intrigued. because omg.	omg	2013.03.01	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://www.asianfanfics.com/blog/view/463185
Reblogging last year's drawing because, yay!	yay!	2012.12.30	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://sirinthada.com/post/39275441305
Re-playing fallout 3, because YAY	yay	2013.04.18	Int	Diversion	"BY"	https://www.facebook.com/PlasmaGirls/posts/474432452628480

Sometimes I cry over Sarah's writing because yay	yay	2014.01.12	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://captainkellie.tumblr.com/post/40371677381/sometimes-i-cry-over-sarahs-writing-because-yay
The current situation is just not sustainable for any of us. Because reasons.	reasons	2014.02.17	NP	Diversion	"BR"	http://www.laughingatchaos.com/staying-motivated-while-homeschooling-is-just-out-of-reach-because-reasons/
This exercise in surrealism comes at seemingly no provocation from an artist at Bandai's capsule toy department because <i>reasons</i> .	reasons	2014.04.26	NP	Diversion	"BR"	http://en.rocketnews24.com/2014/04/26/purchase-these-bizarre-capsule-toys-because-reasons/
We made an FAQ page. Because yay.	yay	2014.01.03	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://ronpaulproblems.tumblr.com/post/72085543502/we-made-an-faq-page-because-yay-and-because-we
Who can find a girl like you, I say "no one" because...YAY (x4)	yay	2010.11.10	Int	Diversion	"BY"	http://www.globemoon.net/waftf/moumoon/lyrics/moumoon__yay_trans.html
Why do we Arbitrary Day? BECAUSE REASONS!	reasons	2014.06.09	NP	Diversion	"BR"	http://redditgifts.com/gallery/gift/because-reasons/
Why does this work? Because math, that's why.	math	2014.05.20	NP	Diversion	"BM"	http://www.cracked.com/article_21187_5-amazing-wizard-tricks-you-can-do-with-basic-math.html
this lists not-so-popular stories, but they should be because REALLY.	really	2013.03.01	Adv	Inheren	"BY"	http://www.asianfanfics.com/blog/view/463185
((Have this too because yay content!))	_+content	2014.03	Int+NP	Inheren	"BY"	http://askgargle.tumblr.com/post/78455335228/have-this-too-because-yay-content
/uploads old sketch because yay sketches!	_+sketches	2012	Int+NP	Inheren	"BY"	http://flawless-rarity.tumblr.com/post/8533991520/uploads-old-sketch-because-yay-sketches-i
...I tried to concentrate on what it felt like to lie in the grass with Mark Elliot. Because: awesome.	awesome	2013.05	Adj	Inheren	"BA"	In <i>The Last Academy</i> http://books.google.com/books?id=5Xzl-VmV0OAC&pg=PT172&lpg=PT172&dq=%22because+awesome%22&source=bl&ots=_UPxPOxNg3&sig=d3Jlrl3QoYrB2OA4hbUmbpZ-cjA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=yloU_LglSPuoASZtYDgAw&ved=0CCsQ6AEwBThQ#v=onepage&q=%22because%20awesome%22&f=false
also a quick dragon	_+NA	2013.11	Int+NP	Inheren	"BY"	http://mindofgemini.tumblr.com/pos

because yay uvu	ME					t/65072308983/also-a-quick-dragon-because-yay-uvu
Am I skipping to Adric's first serial because yay Adric and I've not seen this serial as far as I'm aware? You bet your sweet bippy I am.	_ +NA ME	2014.04.13	Int+NP	Inheren	"BY"	http://uozumi.tumblr.com/post/76506847695/am-i-skipping-to-adrics-first-serial-because-yay
And because David Fincher.	NAME	2014.07.01	NP	Inheren	Buzz	http://www.buzzfeed.com/skloep/a-definitive-ranking-of-david-fincher-movies-su82
Beastmaster - Freya (using a Spear) because yay FF9 Freya	_ +NA ME	2014.01.02	Int+NP	Inheren	"BY"	http://www.gamefaqs.com/boards/955515-disgaea-2-dark-hero-days/68235210
Because awesome Lego stuff.	aweso me	2013.07.14	Adj	Inheren	"BA"	https://www.facebook.com/shaihuludofficial/posts/10201715613632331
Can I get a big old YAY?! Because YAY!!	yay	2013.05.10	Int	Inheren	"BY"	http://www.leakynews.com/welcome-to-sanditon-news-and-speculation/
CAN I GET A BIGGER YAY?!?! BECAUSE YAY!!!	yay	2013.05.10	Int	Inheren	"BY"	http://www.leakynews.com/welcome-to-sanditon-news-and-speculation/
Did I say "YAY!" yet? Because...YAY!	yay	2014.04.23	Int	Inheren	"BY"	http://www.makingmuchofhim365.com/2014/04/23/returning-to-the-classroom-my-new-job-more-writing/
Geomancer - Bob just because Bob,...	NAME	2014.01.02	NP	Inheren	"BY"	http://www.gamefaqs.com/boards/955515-disgaea-2-dark-hero-days/68235210
Just like that, we can hardly to get well when we feel tired because tired.	tired	2013.01.28	Adj	Inheren	"BT"	http://www.firmoo.com/answer/question/9820.html
part of me loves albinistic!cecil headcanons and art because yay representation!	_ +repr esenta tion	pre 3.2014	Int+NP	Inheren	"BY"	http://whatwouldcecilwear.tumblr.com/post/78703131034/nativeriverr-part-of-me-loves-albinistic-cecil
Penguin wants to science because science.	science	2014.02.04	NP	Inheren	"BS"	http://www.pinterest.com/pin/91268329922953066/
Vikram Griffiths, I though was perhaps the only one who was willing to expose himself, to throw himself into things heart and soul. Because crazy.	crazy	c.2011	Adj	Inheren	"BC"	http://books.google.com/books?id=NL4xwCtvJoC&pg=PT116&lpg=PT116&dq=%22because+crazy%22&source=bl&ots=4nkrq_ilgh&sig=4SR685-okvDG3GCWFUcS9JaOszA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=8ni8U-SzE8W5igLSgIH4AQ&ved=0CBwQ6AEwADgy#v=onepage&q=%22because%20crazy%22&f=false
RANDOM ANONS	patriar	2013.07.07	NP	Sarcasm	"BP"	http://fuckingradfems.tumblr.com/p

ARE WHY YOU NEED FEMINISM BECAUSE PATRIARCHY AND MISOGYNY AND OPPRESSION (or something idk)	chy					ost/54885150171/random-anons-are-why-you-need-feminism-because
*girls do not have to take responsibility for their actions because patriarchy: remember when a feminist laughs about gay men being beaten and attacked as male tears, tells a male rape victim to kill himself or bullies someone to the point of suicide, she's the real victim because patriarchy"	patriarchy	2014.06.30	NP	Sarcasm	"BP"	http://popypicklesticks.tumblr.com/post/90357912079/x-girls-do-not-have-to-take-responsibility-for
All right, so there we go. CNN has declared that it's not a "school shooting" unless it's a preplanned murder(?), or only certain suicides, or only certain gunmen wandering onto campus—I'm not kidding, the criteria seems all over the map—and are doing it after a vocal gun-fetishist barrage of demands that nobody pay attention to all the other times a gunman shoots someone at school because shut up, that's why.	shut up	2014.06.13	VP	Sarcasm	"BR"	http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/06/13/1306791/-CNN-says-most-school-shootings-aren-t-school-shootings-because-reasons
Because freedom?	freedom	2014.06.30	NP	Sarcasm	Buzz	http://www.buzzfeed.com/leonoraepstein/go-home-america-you-drunk
One part of her article is literally a list of how everything bad is because patriarchy.	patriarchy	2013.02.04	NP	Sarcasm	"BP"	http://intjforum.com/showthread.php?t=100832

The way CNN gets the new number is by saying a gun being fired <i>inside a school</i> does not count as a "school shooting" where gangs were involved, presumably because black people or something, or when drugs were involved, no given reason, or where criminals ran into a school during a police chase and shot someone, or classroom suicides, or disputes between adults that left someone dead.	black	2014.06.13	NP	Sarcasm	"BR"	http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/06/13/1306791/-CNN-says-most-school-shootings-aren-t-school-shootings-because-reasons
This shaming tactic can be employed in the following way: "Your feelings and opinions are invalid because...the patriarchy."	patriarchy	2012.10.21	NP	Sarcasm	"BP"	0:35 in https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-Fq7D_JTeg#t=49
This shaming tactic can be employed in the following way: "I can ignore your emotions and opinions because... patriarchy!"	patriarchy	2012.10.21	NP	Sarcasm	"BP"	http://www.avoicemen.com/feminism/shaming-tactics-iii-the-patriarchy/
X is Y because patriarchy.	patriarchy	2014.05.28	NP	Sarcasm	"BP"	https://www.facebook.com/anarchistfascism/posts/587406428023445
Why? Because Obama	NAME	2013.09.09	NP	Sarcasm	"BO"	3:13 in https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-sdO6pwVHQ
Because entitled. Because lucrative. Because patriarchy.	[various]	2014.07.21	[various]	Summ	"BP"	http://www.thecoloredboy.com/2014/07/digital-charlatans.html
Images probably not, because my face.	my	2014	NP	Summ	"BY"	https://github.com/ghaida/ghaidazahrn-home
She glorify Revan just because want to say her teaching is great	want	2014.06.17	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://forums.obsidian.net/topic/66318-the-truth-about-revan/
"Unfollowing the	tired	2014.02.18	Adj	Summ	"BT"	https://www.facebook.com/NYU Secur

page because tired of all the negative bullshit about NYU.						ets/posts/661886650513529?stream_ref=5
#Oldie because yay my face!	_+my face	2014.02.01	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://thenammin.tumblr.com/post/75247905758/oldie-because-yay-my-face-need-to-bleach-my-hair
+1 because yay alternatives	_+alternatives	2013.06.25	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	https://forums.warframe.com/index.php?/topic/69712-hud-change/
Agriculture is not because patriarchy.	patriarchy	2013.10.31	NP	Summ	"BP"	http://343restmysoul.tumblr.com/post/65637758384/you-mentioned-id-heard-before-that-agriculture-the
and Jason thinks it's great because YAY MORE FRIENDS FOR NICO...	_+More	2014.03	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://afuckingcastleintheclouds.tumblr.com/post/80098782571/valdangelocouldpotentiallyhappen
And that if you believe in the latter, you're probably kinda screwed? Because maybe.	maybe	2014.08.05	Adj	Summ	"BA"	http://jezebel.com/youre-probably-thinking-about-soul-mates-all-wrong-1615979493
And you were ecstatic on the last day of class because YAY SUMMER!	_+summer	2014.05.06	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://college-social.com/maroon/2014/05/06/finals-week-told-friends/
Anything open access immediately gets attention because want work to be read, not just a line on a CV.	want	2014.03.10	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://cynng.wordpress.com/2014/03/20/libtechconf-2014-keynote-connecting-communities/
Because awesome.	awesome	2014.05.08	Adj	Summ	"BA"	http://pmoe.de/post/85109845285/because-awesome
Because reasons (mostly because I can't draw).	reasons	2013.09	NP	Summ	"BR"	http://huldukatt.tumblr.com/post/63405157687/because-reasons-mostly-because-i-cant-draw
because yay, prom!	_+prom	2013.06	Int	Summ	"BY"	http://lalalafelina.tumblr.com/post/43444975108/because-yay-prom
being carried because tired	tired	2013.07	Adj	Summ	"BT"	http://www.pinterest.com/pin/167970261073982929/
Birthdaying friend loved it, because yay animals!	_+animals	2014.02.18	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://galacticbloom.wordpress.com/2014/02/18/because-yay-animals/
But I've been telling myself - tired because lack of sleep, dizzy - because tired	lack/tired	2013.11.13	Adj/NP	Summ	"BT"	http://www.twoweekwait.com/early-pregnancy-symptoms/14dpo-digital-2-3-weeks
But the fact is that most PhD students do go into the doctorate because, and only	want	2014.06.01	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://pankisseskafka.com/2014/06/01/more-on-the-executive-literary-mba-aka-the-new-phd/

because, want to be Very Serious Scholars.						
But then my Emmy snub rage is tempered because YAY MAYIM!!	_+NAME	2013.07.18	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://laughingwild.tumblr.com/post/55827970216/but-then-my-emmy-snub-rage-is-tempered-because-yay
But why am I so tired? I'll tell you why! 1. Because, kids...Because, work...Because, babysitters...Because, grooming...Because, sex.	[various]	2014.04.12	NPs	Summ	"BT"	http://blogs.babycenter.com/mom_stories/04-12-2014-5-reasons-im-already-tired-on-date-night/
But, on the other hand we want to make that peaceful nation a territory because want to build up new businesses that might help to jump start their recovery to being a prospering nation that can defend its self well.	want	?	VP	Summ	"BW"	https://sites.google.com/a/ncps-k12.org/steven-ross-news/geographic/cuba-as-a-protectorate
Can't decide if whoever wears this is way awesome (because yay Doctor Who) or way scary (because eek...Dalek groin).	_+NAME	2013.01.09	Int	Summ	"BY"	https://plus.google.com/+TheDoctorsCool63/posts/CTTzpGnofsu
Dempsey and some canned corned beef. Because yay crack pairings.	_+crack	2013.07	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://deenar-mc-butts.tumblr.com/post/35519193519/dempsey-and-some-canned-corned-beef-because-yay
Exactly what the doctor told me today - no one cares but you, and nothing will change but you will be brighter and healthier and smilier because YAY freedom and nourishment!	_+freedom	2014.05	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://recoveryninja.tumblr.com/post/85047239468/your-going-to-get-fat-if-you-gain-any-more
Expect a response from us too, because want to	want	2014.06.09	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://stealkillanddestroy.com/blog/2014/6/9/free-warped-tour-tickets

encourage you!						
For example Mortal Online is now f2p, because want to get more players, who will sub Mortal.	want	2014.04.17	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://lifeisfeudal.com/forum/is-it-answer-to-question-why-lif-didn-t-get-goal-so-fast-t1147/
For example, you've arrived to this article because want more traffic.	want	2014	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://blog.intrapromote.com/8-factors-that-should-be-included-in-link-audit/
For Musa because YAY MUSA.	_ +NA ME	2011.05.11	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://prawnlegs.tumblr.com/post/5725340272/for-musa-because-yay-musa-guys-belong-to-musa
Gawker has iced coffee on tap. Because awesome.	aweso me	2013.07.11	Adj	Summ	"BA"	https://vine.co/v/h73LjPtQLaa
Gunner - Billy because Billy the Kid / Xenogears	NAME	2014.01.02	NP	Summ	"BY"	http://www.gamefaqs.com/boards/955515-disgaea-2-dark-hero-days/68235210
I am not worrying about it as such but just curious, if my baby does not want to arrive before 40 weeks I am rather reluctant to be induced because want to go as natural as possible.	want	2012	VP	Summ	"BW"	https://healthunlocked.com/endometriosis-uk/questions/420533/does-anyone-know-why-doctors-want-to-induce-labour-at-40-weeks-in-women-that-are-pregnant-and-have-endometriosis
I am sending you this email because want to say "Thank you" for your opportunity that you gave me.	want	?	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://www.jobtrust.gr/pl/index.php?Section=1&Part=5&Page=629
I am so ready to give up because tired of the disappointment when i dont lose anything.	tired of	2012.05	AP	Summ	"BT"	http://hcgdietinfo.com/hcgdietforums/f32/so-tired-need-encouragment-please-help-51642/
I am very moody today,because tired of a man in my office.	tired	2014.04.29	AP	Summ	"BA"	http://lang-8.com/855458/journals/195349127812975863046080753218595281548
I can't think of anything exciting because tired and because beer, so: What's your favorite beer (and/or other alcoholic beverage)?	tired	2013.09.24	Adj	Summ	"BT"	http://findchaos.tumblr.com/post/62215380795/i-cant-think-of-anything-exciting-because-tired-and
I do it because want	want	2010	VP	Summ	"BW"	"Test Ride on the Sunnyland Bus: A

to understand the past, sure, but also because I desperately want to escape the present						daughter's Civil Right's Journey" http://books.google.com/books?id=Jvay1IHD9b8C&pg=PA81&lpg=PA81&dq=%22because+want%22&source=bl&ots=mn36c0TjnP&sig=ZtC_Bz_D26ALMytLvuXI-TVaols&hl=en&sa=X&ei=-i2rU_TIKtbboATfvIDQAg&ved=0CEwQ6AEwBDgy#v=onepage&q=%22because%20want%22&f=false
I had to cut off a few of her performances because tired of looking at her in that leotard up her crotch!	tired of	2013.12.06	AP	Summ	"BT"	http://necolebitchie.com/2013/12/ear-pop-stars-rashida-jones-is-still-tired-of-seeing-your-vagina/
I hate the fact that comebacks are never able to happen in solo queue/blind pick because want to surrender as soon as things go awry.	want	2014.04.25	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://forums.na.leagueoflegends.com/board/showthread.php?t=4472606
I hate the fact that comebacks are never able to happen in solo queue/blind pick because want to surrender as soon as things go awry.	want	2014.04.25	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://forums.na.leagueoflegends.com/board/showthread.php?t=4472606
I just wear the ankle weights because want to increase my leg strength	want	2014.03.26	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://www.myfitnesspal.com/topics/show/1233537-short-dirty-bulk
I like architecture because yay housing stuff for my friends and I..but I am not sure I want to relevel it...	+_housingstuff	2014.06.18	Int	Summ	"BY"	https://forums.wildstar-online.com/forums/index.php?/topic/79619-need-a-suggestion/
I love thunderstorm days because "YAY! LIGHTNING!" but I also hate them because "YUCK! ROACHES!"	+_Lightning	2013.09	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://www.tydisus.com/post/60239617097/i-love-thunderstorm-days-because-yay-lightning
I need a group hug because yay vaccines but also aww vaccines	+_vaccines	2013.10.06	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://ilovejustinhaywardyoung.tumblr.com/post/63338183846/i-need-a-group-hug-because-yay-vaccines-but-also

I remember just two weeks ago I COULDN'T DO IT ANYMORE because YOU WERE NOT SLEEPING AND I WAS TIRED AND I COULDN'T DO IT ANYMORE BECAUSE TIRED.	tired	2014.03.05	Adj	Summ	"BT"	http://nurshable.com/2014/03/05/sleeping-through-the-night-at-23-months/
I won't quote his email because privacy, but here's a paraphrase:	privacy	2014.06.01	NP	Summ	"BW"	http://pankisseskafka.com/2014/06/01/more-on-the-executive-literary-mba-aka-the-new-phd/
I worded my comment like that on purpose. (because yay 12 year old boys inside all of us! Wait..Thats wrong..)	_ +12yo boys	2013.06.09	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://forums.gearboxsoftware.com/showthread.php?t=248747&page=103
I'm not doing Christmas again with the family: because CRAZY.	crazy	2013.12.26	Adj	Summ	"BC"	http://www.wideopenground.com/merry-christmas-because-crazy/
I'm so attracted to men but I also fucking hate them because patriarchy and sometimes I just want to hangout with a boy, but then i'm like, "he benefits from the patriarchy" and it makes me hate him	patriarchy	2014.08.03	NP	Summ	"BP"	http://whitmanizer.tumblr.com/post/93648693849/im-so-attracted-to-men-but-i-also-fucking-hate-them
I'm replying to this solely because yay a NMH reference.	_ +a	2013.06.27	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	www.absolutepunk.net/showthread.php?t=3268081
It rarely works out that way, because....tired.	tired	2014.04.12	Adj	Summ	"BT"	http://blogs.babycenter.com/mom_stories/04-12-2014-5-reasons-im-already-tired-on-date-night/
It's good because, YAY! IT'S FRIDAY and bad because, OMG! that song.	_ +that	2014.05.23	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://www.thestayathomefeminist.com/2014/05/23/feminist-fare-friday-edition-25/
Just because it's quick and easy doesn't mean it's right or even fair. , oh well so-and-so is crazy so despite all	crazy	2014.05	Adj	Summ	Buzz	http://www.bustle.com/articles/24399-roseanne-barr-norm-mcdonald-shed-light-on-what-it-means-to-be-crazy-and-difficult

their talent just ignore them because c-r-a-z-y!						
Lady Fighter - Eve because Adam and Lorelai because it's a cool female fighter name that's not Freya lol	NAME	2014.01.02	NP	Summ	"BY"	http://www.gamefaqs.com/boards/955515-disgaea-2-dark-hero-days/68235210
Many people use this functionality because want to "meet" new people on LinkedIn, but don't have an actual email address to be able to find them.	want	2014.06.05	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://www.squishypeanut.com/10-tips-to-becoming-a-linkedin-all-star/
Maybe you're here because want to welcome more abundance in your life, live a happier and more fulfilled lifestyle and experience A HUGE TON of rich and unforgettable memories, travel exotic places or the whole world and ALSO earning the money to back all that up, but yet just couldn't wrap your head around managing to do so!	want	2014	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://thomasmondel.com/about/
mini Doctor Who comic because yay 50th anniversary!	_ +50th	2014.01	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://butthorn.tumblr.com/post/67796778338/mini-doctor-who-comic-because-yay-50th
My wife hand-made a Minecraft creeper cake. Because awesome, that's why.	aweso me	2012.09.02	Adj	Summ	"BA"	https://plus.google.com/+RobertNLe/posts/UjbGxnRGQoF
Need more info because WANT SO BAD	want	2014.07.22	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://notanotherteenwolfpodcast.tumblr.com/post/92549653390/x-need-more-info-because-want-so-bad
NSFWish because butts.	butts	2014.07.07	NP	Summ	Buzz	http://www.buzzfeed.com/jennaguillame/its-a-hard-butt-life
Oh and by the way, as an offshoot of	_ +comi cs	2013.09.20	_ +NP	Summ	Stum	3:16 in https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=

that Benda storyline, Ultron's consciousness wound up in outer space eventually because, you know, comics.						QzbPnlcMxao
Outfit for Rae because tired.	tired	2014.02.11	Adj	Summ	"BT"	http://ask-king-sombra-pie.tumblr.com/post/76324342632/outfit-for-rae-because-tired
Plane is headed out of this entire state soon. Because: crazy.	crazy	2013.12.26	Adj	Summ	"BC"	http://www.wideopenground.com/merry-christmas-because-crazy/
Probably does not take a rocket scientist to know why. Because: DUST REACTION.	dust	2013.12.26	Adj	Summ	"BC"	http://www.wideopenground.com/merry-christmas-because-crazy/
Samurai - Ichigo because yay Bleach and Jack because yay Samurai Jack	_ +NA ME	2014.01.02	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://www.gamefaqs.com/boards/955515-disgaea-2-dark-hero-days/68235210
Shopping because YAY SALES	_ +sales	2013.12	Int+NP	Summ	"BY"	http://www.intagme.com/1dfckmee/623903408959994333_324448533/
Sometimes when someone wants to tell someone the truth, it's not because they think it's for their own good, it's because want to hurt them.	want	2013.03.16	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://www.ted.com/conversations/17109/do_people_deserve_to_know_the.html
talk about self pity, when I don't want to go to church because tired of sitting alone coveting the families around me.. .how self-centered is that!	tired	2014.06.06	AP	Summ	"BT"	http://livingwithpower.org/remedies-to-loneliness/
That's why we – Shannon the writer and Jennifer, the publicist – have launched an exclusive contest for TEDxNavesink attendees, because want to hear from you, the visionaries, the early adopters,	want	2014.05.09	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://inbloomcomm.com/whats-business-story/

the entrepreneurs, the game changers.						
There are a lot of strong champs but for some reason I am here talking about akali because tired seeing same thing how she snowballs from nothing.	tired	2014.07.30	AP	Summ	"BT"	http://forums.euw.leagueoflegends.com/board/showthread.php?t=1832169&page=3
They tend to spend as little time away from home and family as is possible/recommended by their surgeon because want to get home to families/ friends	want	?	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://www.academia.edu/6931730/SUN_SEA_SAND_AND_SILICONE_Mapping_Cosmetic_Surgery_Tourism_KEY_FINDINGS
This was my favorite post this week (maybe even this month). Why? BECAUSE AWESOME!!!	awesome	2012.08.25	Adj	Summ	"BA"	http://www.webgnomes.org/blog/gnome-likes-serp-shrinkage-local-citations-because-awesome/
We've never been happy. Oblivious, yes. Ignorant, sure. But happy? No. Because patriarchy.	patriarchy	2014.04.04	NP	Summ	"BP"	http://blog.iblamethepatriarchy.com/
What I want to reply is, <i>Because, Patriarchy.</i>	patriarchy	2014.04.02	NP	Summ	"BP"	http://blogalacart.com/2014/04/because-patriarchy/
While the vast majority of mothers will sometimes feel irritable and get annoyed, usually because tired and feeling they have no time for themselves, Jo had tremendous support from Will.	tired	2010.06.03	AP	Summ	"BT"	p. 132 in http://books.google.com/books?id=RAfS8V43rWC&dq=%22because+tired%22&source=gbs_navlinks_s
While they got me mainly as a developer, they chose me because want me to use my skills in software engineering and UX.	want	2014.05.15	VP	Summ	"BW"	http://workplace.stackexchange.com/questions/27336/i-am-demotivated-because-my-product-owner-does-not-care-for-project-success-ide
Yes. Because	manda	2015.04.14	Adj	Summ	Stum	4:34 in

mandatory, eh?	tory					http://www.hulu.com/watch/777264#i0,p8,d0
You woke up this morning because science.	science	2014.04.17	NP	Summ	"BS"	0:54 in http://video.pbs.org/video/2365226225/

Sheet 2 – Limited Context Instances

Entry	Word	date	Lex Cat	Rhe Cat	Fo und	Type	Url
Because crazy?	Crazy	2014.04.21	Adj	?	"BC"	flickr post title	https://www.flickr.com/photos/wwward0/13940254276/
Cats-are-better-than-dogs-because-science	science	2014.05.16	NP	?	"BS"	Video title	http://98country.com/cats-are-better-than-dogs-because-science-video/
@wrongposture because, yay! http://i.pau.lk/StCt/image.jpg	yay	2013.12.10	Int	Diver sion	"BY"	tweet	https://twitter.com/kalupa/status/410583160884178945
'Frozen' and 'Thriller' mashed up, because reasons	reasons	2014.04.25	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	blog post title	http://nerdreactor.com/2014/04/25/frozen-and-thriller-mashed-up-because-reasons/
20 is not too low! (Because reasons)	reasons	2014.07.24	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	forum topic	http://www.bungie.net/en/Forum/Post/66729490/0/0/1
A fucking list of pokemon movies because reasons	reasons	2013.08	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	tumblr title	http://adventuresofjimmyneutron.tumblr.com/post/60672583155/a-fucking-list-of-pokemon-movies-because-reasons
A PRAYING MANTIS WEARS 3D GLASSES BECAUSE SCIENCE: VIDEO	science	2014.04.29	NP	Diver sion	"BS"	Video title	http://www.towleroad.com/2014/04/a-praying-mantis-wears-3d-glasses-because-science-video.html
Alan Wake because REASONS!! Also HIGH QUALITY SETTINGS!!!!	reasons	2014.08.04	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Video title	http://raptr.com/MaskedVillian/news/53dfaf7b26800c3f42/alan-wake-because-reasons-also-high-quality-settings-
Barbie: The Live-Action Movie... Because Reasons	reasons	2014.04.24	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Headline	http://www.craveonline.com/film/articles/680201-barbie-the-live-action-movie-because-reasons
Battlefield 4: Naval Strike Delayed on PC Because Reasons	reasons	2014.03.25	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	blog post title	http://gamingbolt.com/battlefield-4-naval-strike-delayed-on-pc-because-reasons
Because Reasons	reasons	2013.06.13	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	blog post title	http://denayago.com/becausereasons.html
BECAUSE REASONS	reasons	2013.11.14	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Meme title	http://slowrobot.com/i/53326
Because reasons.	reasons	2012.07	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Imgur title	http://imgur.com/gallery/8nzw2Po
Because reasons.	reasons	2014.06	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Meme title	http://knowyourmeme.com/photos/752459
Because Reasons.	reasons	2013.05.30	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Meme title	http://iwastesomuchtime.com/on/?i=75009
Caitlin spams all the tags today because reasons.	reasons	?	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	?	http://giphy.com/search/caitlin-spams-all-the-tags-today-because-reasons
Dancing dog, because reasons.	reasons	2014.01.10	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Video title	http://9gag.com/gag/a446MV1/dancing-dog-because-reasons
Discovering a Quasar.	science	?	NP	Diver	"BS"	blog	http://gringobill.com/474-2/

Because Science.				sion	"	post title	
Eh? Because SCIENCE!	science	2014.04.09	NP	Diver sion	"BS"	Headli ne	http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/content/eh-because-science
For KMOS92, who has left the NIN forums because reasons	reasons	2014.07.22	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	forum topic	http://forum.nin.com/bb/read.php?36,1506630,1506637
Giselle X Aurora Because Yay	Yay	?	Int	Diver sion	"BY"	Pictur e title	http://www.deviantart.com/morelikethis/458199378
Gun PSA Features Children Sword-Fighting With Mommy's Dildos, Because Reasons	reasons	2014.06.27	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Headli ne	http://www.brobible.com/life/article/gun-psa-children-fighting/
Had to edit this because reasons but appreciate the veiny hands.	reasons	2014.06.03	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	tweet	https://twitter.com/Shaynneee/status/474060068007063552
I need this because reasons	reasons	2014.04.29	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	blog post title	http://www.gunnuts.net/2014/04/29/i-need-this-because-reasons/
I now own Mk. 1 Cortina rear lights, because reasons.	reasons	2014.08.03	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	blog post title	http://oppositelock.jalopnik.com/i-now-own-mk-1-cortina-rear-lights-because-reasons-1615511802
I Want This Because Reasons	reasons	2014.04	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Meme title	http://www.memecenter.com/fun/2910425/i-want-this-because-reasons
It works because science	science	?	NP	Diver sion	"BS"	Meme title	http://9gag.com/gag/5139519/it-works-because-science
Janna because reasons	reasons	2014.06.12	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Photo title	http://cinnamonscribblez7.deviantart.com/art/Janna-because-reasons-456582693
Let's be friends! Because YAY! And REASONS!	Yay	2014.06.13	Int	Diver sion	"BY"	Event name	http://www.meetup.com/Expats-in-Guangzhou/events/187547242/
Merry Christmas Because: Crazy	Crazy	2013.12.26	Adj	Diver sion	"BC"	blog post title	http://www.wideopenground.com/merry-christmas-because-crazy/
Mix for Fun Because Yay	yay	2014.07.02	Int	Diver sion	"BY"	mix title	http://www.mixcloud.com/lylerhodes/mix-for-fun-because-yay/
My Album for Various Things Because Yay	yay	2013.08.10	Int	Diver sion	"BY"	photo album title	http://www.nohope.org/index.php/gallery/album/112-my-album-for-various-things-because-yay/
Noxious (O_O) Playing some Constructed, because yay	Yay	2014.06.07	Int	Diver sion	"BY"	Video title	www.twitch.tv/noxious_hs/b/536282526
Press Fast Fools Because Science	science	2014.07.14	NP	Diver sion	"BS"	forum topic	http://www.lift.net/community/topic/3459-press-fast-fools-because-science/
PROMO BECAUSE YAY	Yay	2013.10.09	Int	Diver sion	"BY"	blog post title	http://bobandsmallbob.tumblr.com/post/65419647274
Purchase these bizarre capsule toys	reasons	2014.04.26	NP	Diver sion	"BR"	Headli ne	http://en.rocketnews24.com/2014/04/26/purchase-these-bizarre-capsule-toys-because-

because... reasons							reasons/
recommendations because yay.	Yay	2013.03.01	Int	Diver sion	"BY "	blog post title	http://www.asianfanfics.com/blog/view/463185
Relect DMJ Because Reasons	reasons	?	NP	Diver sion	"BR "	blog post title	http://www.erepublik.com/en/article/-wtp-dmj4congress-relect-dmj-because-reasons-2331671/1/20
Rock Simulator 2014 Needs \$5000 Because... Reasons	reasons	2014.06.27	NP	Diver sion	"BR "	blog post title	http://www.8cn.tv/content/rock-simulator-2014-needs-5000-because-reasons
Someone Redesigned NHL Logos With 'Simpsons' Characters, Because REASONS	reasons	2014.06.04	NP	Diver sion	"BR "	Headline	http://www.brobible.com/sports/article/nhl-logos-simpsons-characters/
Striker Ezreal Idea - Because reasons.	reasons	2014.06.18	NP	Diver sion	"BR "	forum topic	http://forums.euw.leagueoflegends.com/board/showthread.php?t=1775263
This Plugin is made by JetBrains, not JetBrains. Because reasons.	reasons	2014.05.22	NP	Diver sion	"BR "	blog post title	http://ciplogic.com/index.php/blog/70-this-plugin-is-made-by-jetbrains-not-jetbrains-because-reasons
Unturned :D ideas because reasons!	reasons	2014.07.13	NP	Diver sion	"BR "	forum topic	http://steamcommunity.com/app/304930/discussions/2/45350791689871909/
Watch a huge, terrifying parasite emerge from a praying mantis, because SCIENCE	science	2014.05.19	NP	Diver sion	"BS "	blog post title	https://experiment.com/blog/72-watch-a-huge-terrifying-parasite-emerge-from-a-praying-mantis-because-science
Wednesday Zazu Because Reasons	reasons	2014.06.25	NP	Diver sion	"BR "	blog post title	http://www.predictableparadox.co.uk/2014/06/wednesday-zazu-because-reasons.html
awesome because awesome	aweso me	2010.09.01	Adj	Inher ent	"B A"	Art collec tion title	http://scratch.mit.edu/studios/81094/
BECAUSE MATH: NUMBERS SHOW RECOGNITION FACTORS IN	math	2014.04.18	NP	Inher ent	"B M"	Headline	http://magov14.com/because-math-numbers-show-recognition-factors-in/
Because YAY spring.	+_sprin g	2014.05.22	Int+ NP	Inher ent	"BY "	blog post title	http://www.jennewlin.com/blog/morespringpics
Cuban graffiti in Santa Clara. Because AWESOME.	aweso me	2014.07.08	Adj	Inher ent	"B A"	Instag ram	http://instagram.com/p/qSqUtTGCdt/
Rainbow Dash, because awesome!	aweso me	2014.06.23	Adj	Inher ent	"B A"	forum topic	http://mlpforums.com/topic/102159-rainbow-dash-because-awesome/
Shark heads because awesome.	aweso me	2014.03.28	Adj	Inher ent	"B A"	forum topic	http://www.carbongames.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=15&t=14369
Because YAY DIABETES! MT @7eleven: Kick thirst	+_diabe tes	2014.05.07	Int+ NP	Sarca sm	"BY "	tweet	https://twitter.com/pseudopseudo/status/464304317877714944

to the curb... Big Gulp drinks are just 99¢.							
BECAUSE YAY MORE FOR SAM TO DO!!	_+more	2013.05.07	Int+ NP	Sarcastic	"BY"	Tumblr tag	http://mswyr.wordpress.com/tag/because-yay-more-for-sam-to-do/
BOEHNER BLAMES OBAMA FOR CANTOR'S DEFEAT BECAUSE REASONS	reasons	2014.06.14	NP	Sarcastic	"BR"	Headline	http://politix.topix.com/story/12566-boehner-blames-obama-for-cantors-defeat-because-reasons
Capcom can't include female characters in Deep Down because reasons.	reasons	2014.02.18	NP	Sarcastic	"BR"	blog post title	http://gomakemeasandwich.wordpress.com/2014/02/18/capcom-cant-include-female-characters-in-deep-down-because-reasons-many-images/
Capcom: No RE Revelations on Vita because REASONS	reasons	2013.01.24	NP	Sarcastic	"BR"	blog post title	http://www.destructoid.com/capcom-no-re-revelations-on-vita-because-reasons-243108.phtml
Cities increasingly look to ban e-cigarettes because reasons	reasons	2014.03.10	NP	Sarcastic	"BR"	forum topic	http://www.fark.com/comments/8173807/Cities-increasingly-look-to-ban-e-cigarettes-because-reasons
FCC to Release Mobile Data Speed Test App Because Yay, Redundancy	_+redundancy	2013.11.11	Int+ NP	Sarcastic	"BY"	blog post title	http://blogs.findlaw.com/technologist/2013/11/fcc-to-release-mobile-data-speed-test-app-because-yay-redundancy.html
i can throw a childish tantrum over an MRA event because patriarchy!!!	patriarchy	?	NP	Sarcastic	"BP"	meme	http://memegenerator.net/instance/47900309
Male Studies? We don't need Male Studies. Because reasons.	reasons	2014.01.14	NP	Sarcastic	"BR"	blog post title	http://judgybitch.com/2014/01/14/male-studies-we-dont-need-male-studies-because-reasons/
Men can't get raped because patriarchy	patriarchy	2014.04.15	NP	Sarcastic	"BP"	Meme title	http://www.funnyjunk.com/Men+can+t+get+raped+because+patriarchy/funny-pictures/5099128/
Michael Gove wants longer school days because . . . reasons	reasons	2013.04.20	NP	Sarcastic	"BR"	Headline	http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2013/04/michael-gove-wants-longer-school-days-because-reasons
More Book Reviews - because... Yay?	yay	2012.11.07	Int	Sarcastic	"BY"	blog post title	http://stardrifter.blogspot.com/2012/11/more-book-reviews-because-yay.html
Sex Is 'Kiss of Death' for Female Worms Because PATRIARCHY	patriarchy	2013.12.23	NP	Sarcastic	"BP"	blog post title	http://jezebel.com/sex-is-kiss-of-death-for-female-worms-because-patriar-1488279886
THIS IS HOW YOU FLIRT, BECAUSE SCIENCE.	science	?	NP	Sarcastic	"BS"	blog post title	http://youcankissmysass.com/2014/06/12/this-is-how-you-flirt-because-science/
Timofey Mozgov Scored 93 Points On 15 Shots Because Math	math	2014.04.11	NP	Sarcastic	"BM"	Headline	http://uproxx.com/sports/2014/04/timofey-mozgov-scored-93-points-on-15-shots-because-math/
WaPo: Amy Chua totally wrong because Science	science	2014.04.08	NP	Sarcastic	"BS"	blog post title	http://isteve.blogspot.com/2014/04/wapo-amy-chua-totally-wrong-because.html

Watch Kate Upton posing in zero gravity in a bikini because science	science	2014.02.18	NP	Sarcasm	"BS"	Headline	http://sploid.gizmodo.com/watch-kate-upton-posing-in-zero-gravity-in-a-bikini-because-science-1525222750
Women commit more child homicides than men committ... because Patriarchy!	patriarchy	?	NP	Sarcasm	"BP"	meme	http://www.quickmeme.com/meme/3q8ehd
Because, crazy.	Crazy	2014.02.06	Adj	Summary	"BC"	blog post title	http://www.lupusinterrupted.com/because-crazy/
Quiting Dii For Some Time Because Tired Of Same	tired	2011.08.25	AP	Summary	"BT"	forum topic	http://forums.d2jsp.org/topic.php?t=57211828&f=326&o=0
#because awesome	awesome	?	Adj	Summary	"BA"	Giphy	http://giphy.com/search/because-awesome-mv
#posting because want image reblog n	want	?	VP	Summary	"BW"	Hashtag - tumblr	http://giphy.com/gifs/13H5Eao7DF9z9u
Mutters gibberish because TIRED	tired	2014.06.11	Adj	Summary	"BT"	blog post title	http://super-sonic-101.deviantart.com/journal/Mutters-gibberish-because-TIRED-460051961
@normmacdonald that was the worst blow of all the sexist blows I took-they had 2 denigrate me, as they took my \$- because pimp mentality.	pimp	2014.05.12	NP	Summary	"BC"	tweet	https://twitter.com/therealroseanne/status/465909961269075968
"Awesome experience - because awesome instructors"	awesome	2012.07.15	NP	Summary	"BA"	Review Sound bite	http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g147351-d1092282-r134432934-Octopus_Diving-Grand_Case_Saint_Martin_St_Martin.html
17 GIFs That Will Blow Your Mind, Because Science!	science	2014.05.31	NP	Summary	"BS"	Headline	http://freedomfathers.com/science-gifs/
91: Because Math?	math	2014.04.03	NP	Summary	"BM"	podcast title	http://metatalk.metafilter.com/23202/91-Because-Math
A New Game Of Thrones Trailer That You Need To Watch Because Awesome	awesome	2014.03.20	Adj	Summary	"BA"	blog post title	http://www.gizmodo.com.au/2014/03/a-new-game-of-thrones-trailer-that-you-need-to-watch-because-fhqwhgads/
Because Awesome	awesome	2013.11.19	Adj	Summary	"BA"	blog post title	http://bangssalon.ca/because-awesome/
Because awesome	awesome	2013.12.09	Adj	Summary	"BA"	tweet	https://twitter.com/lari_7777/status/410227008912621569
Because Awesome!	awesome	?	Adj	Summary	"BA"	Product	http://www.bucketo.com/shop/super-bucketo

Because awesome.	aweso me	2013. 09.27	Adj	Sum m	"B A"	forum topic	http://www.ncgunowners.com/forum/showthread.php?tid=33312
Because Awesome: Terry Pratchett's 'Discworld,' In Lego Form!	aweso me	2014. 05.08	Adj	Sum m	"B A"	blog post title	http://www.geeksofdoom.com/2014/05/08/awesome-terry-pratchetts-discworld-lego-form
Because math.	math	2013. 11.14	NP	Sum m	"B M"	blog post title	http://www.bluejersey.com/diary/24211/because-math
Because patriarchy	patriarc hy	2012. 12.21	NP	Sum m	"BP "	blog post title	http://socialnumber.com/because-patriarchy
Because Science	science	2012. 08.29	NP	Sum m	"BS "	Meme title	http://weknowmemes.com/2012/08/because-science/
Because science! Cool stuff that only happens in the freezing cold	science	2014. 01.06	NP	Sum m	"BS "	Headli ne	http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/the-sideshow/because-science--cold-weather-provides-cool-opportunities-190918404.html
BECAUSE SCIENCE!!	science	2012. 07	NP	Sum m	"BS "	Captio n	http://woonastuck.tumblr.com/post/19729249007/because-science
Because Science.	science	2012. 08.19	NP	Sum m	"BS "	blog post title	http://iwastesomuchtime.com/on/?i=47994
Because tired	tired	2014	Adj	Sum m	"BT "	Photo title	https://shots.com/niallukegirlx/p/slxs7uf9
Because yay!	yay	2012. 03	Int	Sum m	"BY "	User self- descri ption	http://forum.purseblog.com/hermes/asians-and-hermes-785917-159.html
BECAUSE YAY!	yay	2013. 03.20	Int	Sum m	"BY "	blog post title	http://mirroredblack.wordpress.com/2013/03/20/because-yay/
Because Yay! Loves!	yay	2014. 04.23	Int	Sum m	"BY "	Pictur e title	http://silverfang909.deviantart.com/art/Because-Yay-Loves-449671733
Because, Patriarchy	patriarc hy	2013. 09.20	NP	Sum m	"BP "	blog post title	http://cccspeaks.wordpress.com/2013/09/20/587/
Because, Patriarchy.	patriarc hy	2014. 04.02	NP	Sum m	"BP "	blog post title	http://blogalacart.com/2014/04/because-patriarchy/
BECAUSE. REASONS.	reasons	2013. 03.10	NP	Sum m	"BR "	Video title	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leWimn47hbc
Because... awesome?	aweso me	2014. 06.11	Adj	Sum m	"B A"	forum topic	https://www.hammockforums.net/forum/showthread.php?94557-Because-awesome
Because: Crazy Ivan!	Crazy	2013. 12.13	NP	Sum m	"BC "	forum topic	http://forums.nicoclub.com/because-crazy-ivan-t583337.html
Because? Awesome!	aweso me	2014. 04.12	Adj	Sum m	"B A"	blog post title	http://day9.tv/d/kenneth.sockell/because-awesome/
because...awesome!	aweso me	2014. 07.15	Adj	Sum m	"B A"	forum topic	http://forums.thebump.com/discussion/12392666/because-awesome
Bridegroom Movie -	aweso	2013.	Adj	Sum	"B	blog	http://www.democraticunderground.com/10

Because AWESOME and Heartbreaking.	me	10.18		m	A"	post title	023877523
Changed URL Because Crazy People	Crazy	2014	NP	Sum m	"BC"	tumblr title	http://cheylock.tumblr.com/
CH-CH-CH-CH-CLiches, Because Yay David Bowie (But Also Changes)	_+NAME	2014.01.31	Int	Sum m	"BY"	Video title	www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxkyZeNCgQM
Crystal Dilworth: Because Science	science	2014.04.17	NP	Sum m	"BS"	Ted Talk Title	http://video.pbs.org/video/2365226225/
electric boats because tired of fuel costs and maintainance of outboards.	tired	2010.01.23	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	forum topic	https://squattheplanet.com/threads/electric-boats-because-tired-of-fuel-costs-and-maintanance-of-outboards.4425/
Eno (つ^_^)つ Ruby: Name Variables Well Because Tired	tired	?	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	blog post title	http://blog.devbootcamp.com/post/42021425048/eno-ruby-name-variables-well-because-tired
Feeling like to commit suicide because tired of being judged	tired	2012.10.01	AP	Sum m	"BT"	forum topic	http://www.bipolarorderconnect.com/discussions/15786-feeling-like-to-commit-suicide-because-tired-of-being-judged
Feminism Friday: because patriarchy	patriarchy	2013.08.30	NP	Sum m	"BP"	blog post title	http://www.rarelywearslipstick.com/2013/08/feminism-friday-because-patriarchy/
Gnome Likes: SERP Shrinkage, Local Citations & BECAUSE AWESOME	awesome	2012.08.25	Adj	Sum m	"BA"	blog post title	http://www.webgnomes.org/blog/gnome-likes-serp-shrinkage-local-citations-because-awesome/
Hard training session because tired but worth it.	tired	2014.03.26	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	blog post title	http://www.ostering.com/blog/2014/03/26/hard-training-session-because-tired-but-worth-it/
i just paid all my student debt and now i can barely breathe. because: finally.	finally	2013.12.10	Int	Sum m	"BY"	tweet	https://twitter.com/kalupa/status/410583160884178945
I'm joining BillGuard, because awesome	awesome	2013.11.21	Adj	Sum m	"BA"	blog post title	http://mickw.com/post/67662471814/im-joining-billguard-because-awesome
Joined Memebase because tired of being forever alone Only got 3 friend requests	tired	?	AP	Sum m	"BT"	Meme	http://cheezburger.com/6126065152
Link Round-Up: Index Funds; Women-Oriented Companies Run By Men Because #Patriarchy	patriarchy	2014.07.23	NP	Sum m	"BP"	blog post title	http://thebillfold.com/2014/07/link-round-up-index-funds-women-oriented-companies-run-by-men-because-patriarchy/
Look at women	want	2014.	VP	Sum	"B"	forum	http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/showthre

because want say hi is there anything I can do? :(05.08		m	W"	topic	ad.php?t=2673688
money back because tired of this place!	tired	2014.07.10	AP	Sum m	"BT"	forum topic	http://cloudescape.us/index.php?threads/money-back-because-tired-of-this-place.3281/
Mothers-in-law abuse daughters-in-law because Patriarchy.	patriarchy	2014.01.10	NP	Sum m	"BP"	blog post title	http://lolmythesis.com/post/72933806559/mothers-in-law-abuse-daughters-in-law-because
No Ovulatory Shifts in Female Mating Preferences Because...Science	science	2014.05.12	NP	Sum m	"BS"	Headline	http://www.hookingupsmart.com/2014/05/12/relationshipstrategies/no-ovulatory-shifts-in-female-mating-preferences-because-science/
No woo: Wikipedia rejects holistic healing because science	science	2014.03.19	NP	Sum m	"BS"	blog post title	http://www.patheos.com/blogs/progressivesecularhumanist/2014/03/no-woo-wikipedia-rejects-holistic-healing-because-science/
Not Sure if tired from doing homework OR DOING HOMEWORK BECAUSE TIRED	tired	?	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	Meme	http://memegenerator.net/instance/25222074
Not sure if yawning because tired or if book is just really boring	tired	?	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	Meme	http://www.quickmeme.com/meme/3ohs6x
Pictures later because tired	tired	2014.07.11	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	blog post title	http://comediccrow.tumblr.com/post/91449264909/pictures-later-because-tired
Reserved for location; will go back because awesome	awesome	2013.10.05	Adj	Sum m	"BA"	Review Sound bite	http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g33146-d217277-r179815143-Wild_Palms_Hotel_a_Joie_de_Vivre_Hotel-Sunnyvale_California.html
Review: ArmaSkin Anti-Blister Socks... Because science	science	2014.07.10	NP	Sum m	"BS"	blog post title	http://www.bushwalkingblog.com.au/anti-blister-sock-review/
Rolling over 401k because tired of mandatory withdraws	tired	2014.04.25	AP	Sum m	"BT"	forum topic	http://www.bogleheads.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=138048
Ron Swanson 30 min Super Cut Because... Awesome.	awesome	2014.03.30	Adj	Sum m	"BA"	Video title	http://y94.com/blogs/television-blog/743/ron-swanson-30-min-super-cut-because-awesome/
Rourke Talks Random Stuff Again (Because Tired)	tired	2013.06.07	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	Video title	www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHZaBUTFogc
Teacher Attacks Skateboarders Because Crazy	Crazy	2014.05.23	Adj	Sum m	"BC"	Video title	www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZ4Cuc8GsZI
Thread: Analog: A Hate Story - because Patriarchy	patriarchy	2012.09.06	NP	Sum m	"BP"	forum topic	http://forum.rpg.net/showthread.php?646648-Analog-A-Hate-Story-because-Patriarchy

Time for bedtime because tired and sleepy and upset and sad	tired	2014.07.04	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	tweet	https://twitter.com/H0useOfW0lves_/status/485193747479924736
'Today' Hosts Do Crazy Obstacle Course Because Yay Teamwork!	_+team work	2013.05.30	Int+ NP	Sum m	"BY"	Video title	http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/30/today-tough-mudder_n_3361549.html
Toyota Tests Own Classic Sports Cars For Fun, Because Awesome	aweso me	2014.07.08	Adj	Sum m	"B A"	blog post title	http://jalopnik.com/toyota-tests-own-classic-sports-cars-for-fun-because-a-1601792430
untitled because TIRED	tired	2013.09.25	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	blog post title	http://renee-abundantlyblessed.blogspot.com/2013/09/untitled-because-tired.html
We were so proud of him, partly because "awesome black guy" but also...	aweso me	2013.12.31	NP	Sum m	"B A"	blog post title	http://wonkette.com/537878/2013-the-year-you-stopped-loving-barack-obama
Week 7: Short&Scattered Because Tired	tired	2013.10.18	Adj	Sum m	"BT"	blog post title	http://blakkairow403.weebly.com/pep-talks/week-7-shortscattered-because-tired
WG tokens because awesome	aweso me	2012.10.07	Adj	Sum m	"B A"	blog post title	http://tappedout.net/mtg-decks/wg-tokens-because-awesome/
Why Sunglasses Make You Sexier: Because Science	science	2014.06.27	NP	Sum m	"BS"	blog post title	http://blogs.nordstrom.com/fashion/why-sunglasses-make-you-sexier-because-science/
You should always buy the bigger pizza, because math	math	2014.02.28	NP	Sum m	"B M"	Headline	http://www.philly.com/philly/blogs/trending/You-should-always-buy-the-bigger-pizza-because-math.html
Your Instagram Selfies Get More 'Likes' Than Food Pics Because SCIENCE	science	2014.05.31	NP	Sum m	"BS"	Headline	http://www.complex.com/tech/2014/03/selfies-more-likes

Sheet 3 – Popular Instances

Entry	Word	date	Syn Cat	Found	Type	Url
Things Because Reasons	reasons	2012.04.07	NP	"BR"	Tumblr title	http://amanderps.tumblr.com/
Because: Awesome!	awesome	2012.12.07	Adj	"BA"	Poster	http://awesomegermany.tumblr.com/
#becausefutbol	futbol	2014.06	NP	Stum	Advertising slogan	http://becausefutbol.com/
because reasons	reasons	2014.07.01	NP	"BR"	Blog title	http://becausereasons.guildlaunch.com/
Because Science	science	2013.12.15	NP	"BS"	Website	http://becausescience.net/
Because Science	science	2014.06.10	NP	"BS"	website tag	http://consumerist.com/tag/because-science/
Tour Because Awesome	awesome	2014.04.25	Adj	"BA"	Music/Comedy Tour	http://edwardspoonhands.com/post/83834365294/im-going-on-tour-along-with-rob-scallon
Because Science (lab)	science	2013	NP	"BS"	Series	http://fusion.net/Series/Because_Science/
I am liveblogging homestuck because reasons	reasons	2014.05.12	NP	"BR"	Tumblr title	http://homestuckbecausereasons.tumblr.com/archive/2014/5
because reasons	reasons	?	NP	"BR"	website tag	http://icanhas.cheezburger.com/tag/because-reasons
Because Reasons	reasons	2012.07.18	NP	"BR"	Tumblr title	http://kat2107.tumblr.com/
Because, Reasons	reasons	2014.09.14	NP	"BR"	Tumblr title	http://obsidiandragon.tumblr.com/
Because Awesome	awesome	2013.03.03	Adj	"BA"	Tumblr title	http://sassysaffy.tumblr.com/
Because Yay	yay	2014.01	Int	"BY"	Tumblr title	http://teamseaslug.tumblr.com/
Because reasons!!	reasons	2014.05.06	NP	"BR"	Tumblr title	http://the-awesome-fallen-angel.tumblr.com/
Because Science	science	2014.06	NP	"BS"	Tumblr title	http://thescienceblog.tumblr.com/
rated R because reasons	reasons	2012.11.06	NP	"BR"	Tumblr title	http://umbreign.tumblr.com/
Why? Because Science.	science	2012.06.26	NP	"BS"	Website	http://whybecausescience.com/
Because...awesome	awesome	?	Adj	"BA"	Merchandise	http://www.carstickers.co/shop/because-awesome-windscreen-strip/
Gay Because Yay	yay	2014.06.12	Int	"BY"	Instagram handle	http://www.enjoygram.com/gayin2ways

Because Science!	science	?	NP	"BS"	Merc handi se	http://www.lookhuman.com/design/23031-because-science
Because Science	science	2013.07	NP	"BS"	Pinter est Board	http://www.pinterest.com/jesuispre st1743/because-science/
Because reasons.	reasons	2013.07	NP	"BR"	Pinter est Board	http://www.pinterest.com/jonatha mingo/because-reasons/
Because Science	science	2014.06	NP	"BS"	Pinter est Board	http://www.pinterest.com/mellybaj /because-science/
Doctor Who Because Yay	yay	2013.07	Int	"BY"	Pinter est Board	http://www.pinterest.com/omnoml ottis/doctor-who-because-yay/
because_science	science	2013	NP	"BS"	Pinter est Board	http://www.pinterest.com/search/? q=because_science
Because Science	science	2014.04	NP	"BS"	Pinter est Board	http://www.pinterest.com/skreened /because-science/
Because Reasons	reasons	?	NP	"BR"	Merc handi se	http://www.redbubble.com/people/ mikeonmic/works/10971984- because-reasons?p=t-shirt
Because Patriarchy	patriarch y	?	NP	"BP"	Merc handi se	http://www.spreadshirt.com/becau se-patriarchy-C3376A13291580
#because awesome	awesome	?	Adj	"BA"	Hasht ag - Tumb lr	http://www.tumblr.com/tagged/bec ause-awesome
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#because yay	yay	ongoing	Int	"BY"	Hasht ag - Tumb lr	http://www.tumblr.com/tagged/bec ause-yay
Because 7	7	2010.05. 20	Q	Urb	Urban Dictio nary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/d efine.php?term=Because%207

Because Boycie	NAME	2012.09.16	NP	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Because%20Boycie
Because Fankart	fankart	2011.03.07	NP	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=because%20fankart
Because Fuck You	f***	2012.03.28	VP	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Because%20Fuck%20You
Because Honestly	honestly	2005.01.14	Adv	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=because%20honestly
Because Of Course	of course	2014.06.29	?	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=because%20of%20course
Because Science	science	2014.04.14	NP	"BS"	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Because%20Science
Because Shut Up	shut up	2009.12.21	VP	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Because%20shut%20up
Because Yes	yes	2010.11.09	?	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=because%20yes
Because, George Bush	NAME	2010.06.21	NP	Urb	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Because%20C%20George%20Bush
Because Reasons	reasons	2012.03.20	NP	"BR"	Urban Dictionary entry	http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=because+reasons
Because science, that's why.	science	2013.04.23	NP	"BS"	Merchandise	http://www.welovefine.com/3884-because-science.html#.U8VsmfldUuc
BECAUSE REASONS	reasons	2012.08.03	NP	"BR"	Tumblr title	http://zappicomix.tumblr.com/
Because SCIENCE!	science	?	NP	"BS"	Twitter list	https://twitter.com/GeoGrl/lists/because-science
Because Reasons	reasons	2014.01.22	NP	"BR"	Band Name	https://www.facebook.com/becausereasonsband
Because Science	science	2014.06.22	NP	"BS"	Event	https://www.facebook.com/events/1463545653890394/?ref=22

Because Awesome	awesome	2014.05.26	Adj	"BA"	Mercandise	https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/531215105/me-fakegrimlock-the-book-of-awesome/posts/428601
#becausehonestlyseries	honestly	2014.02	Adv	"BH"	Hashtag - Instagram	

Appendix B – Survey Questions and Responses

Meaning Survey

Note: the questions are presented in the same linear order as the responses.

Questions

Please rate your familiarity with the following sentence:

I went to McDonald's because I was hungry.

1 – This doesn't sound like an English sentence

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7 – I hear sentences like this all the time

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I went to McDonald's because hungry.

1 – This doesn't sound like an English sentence

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Please rate your familiarity with the following sentence:

The apple falls to the ground because of gravity.

1 – This doesn't sound like an English sentence

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7 – I hear sentences like this all the time

Please rate your familiarity with the following sentence:

The apple falls to the ground because gravity.

1 – This doesn't sound like an English sentence

2

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4

5

6

7 – I hear sentences like this all the time

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

A) Need more info because WANT SO BAD

B) Need more info because I WANT IT SO BAD

yes

no

(If yes) Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

(If no) What meaning does (A) either lack or add compared to (B)?

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

(A) Birthdaying friend loved it, because yay animals!

(B) Birthdaying friend loved it, because yay there were animals!

yes

no

(If yes) Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

(If no) What meaning does (A) either lack or add compared to (B)?

Consider the following:

My wife hand-made a Minecraft creeper cake. Because awesome, that's why.

What does the 2nd sentence convey?

If there were a word before “awesome,” what would it be?

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

(A) *girls do not have to take responsibility for their actions because patriarchy:

(B) *girls do not have to take responsibility for their actions because of the patriarchy:

yes

no

(If yes) Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

(If no) What meaning does (a) either lack or add compared to (b)?

Consider the sentence:

The current situation is just not sustainable for any of us. Because reasons.

Why don't they state their reasons?

Consider the sentence:

The current situation is just not sustainable for any of us. Because reasons.
Why does the speaker use the 2nd sentence?

Consider the sentence:

The current situation is just not sustainable for any of us. Because reasons.

Does the speaker have reasons?

yes

no

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

A) 12 things white people can do now because Ferguson

B) 12 things white people can do now because of Ferguson

yes

no

(If yes) Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

(If no) What meaning does (a) either lack or add compared to (b)?

Consider the sentence:

Why do we Arbitrary Day? BECAUSE REASONS!

Does the speaker have reasons?

yes

no

Consider the sentence:

Why do we Arbitrary Day? BECAUSE REASONS!

Why does the speaker use the 2nd sentence?

16 responses

Summary

Please rate your familiarity with the following sentence:

This doesn't sound like an English sentence:	1	0	0%
	2	0	0%
	3	0	0%
	4	0	0%
	5	2	12.5%
	6	1	6.3%
I hear sentences like this all the time:	7	13	81.3%

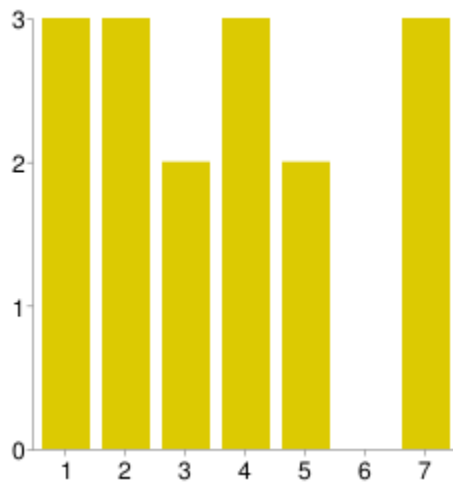
Please rate your familiarity with the following sentence:

This doesn't sound like an English sentence:	1	6	37.5%
	2	3	18.8%
	3	1	6.3%
	4	3	18.8%
	5	1	6.3%
	6	1	6.3%
I hear sentences like this all the time:	7	1	6.3%

Please rate your familiarity with the following sentence:

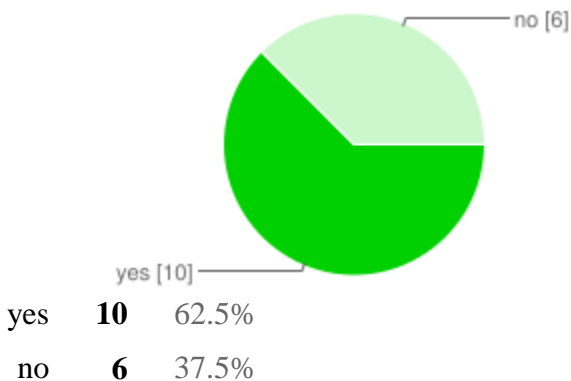
This doesn't sound like an English sentence:	1	0	0%
	2	0	0%
	3	1	6.3%
	4	0	0%
	5	1	6.3%
	6	2	12.5%
I hear sentences like this all the time:	7	12	75%

Please rate your familiarity with the following sentence:



This doesn't sound like an English sentence:	1	3	18.8%
	2	3	18.8%
	3	2	12.5%
	4	3	18.8%
	5	2	12.5%
	6	0	0%
I hear sentences like this all the time:	7	3	18.8%

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?



Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

He would do so in a more casual setting, and to emphasize the wanting.

It's more joking, informal, and sort of leads to a broader range of possibilities, encompassing the entirety of their desire.

That said, I don't know that they would; usually I see this new usage of because with nouns (e.g., "I looked at cat pictures because Internet") rather than with verbs.

Because they are copying their linguistic patterns of typing where they want to efficiently communicate their meaning
Shorter?

I think it has to do with the memes and internet stuff like that. There is a loss of grammatical morphemes in a lot of the captions, making it funnier.

No idea

More casual conversational setting, emphasis

Possibly an English learner where pronouns are often omitted

to exaggerate the verb "want" in a sort of joking way, esp. common in text/social media

They're trying to show the depth of their desire for said info by channeling society's idea of what a more primitive English would sound like. Their desire, they imply, shuts off the parts of their brain dedicated to uttering sentences that are longer, regardless of whether they are more accepted as correct or not.

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

What meaning does (A) either lack or add compared to (B)?

A fails to parse.

The first one is not grammatically correct, and semantically, there is not much meaning to it.

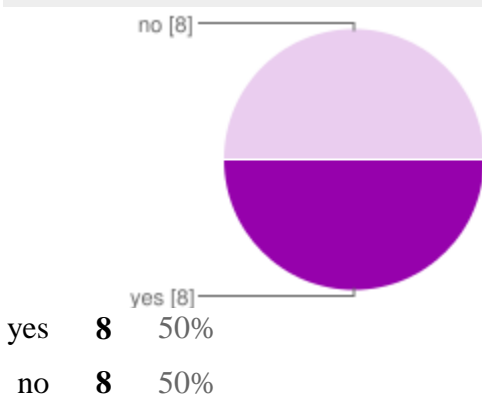
B means you need information because you badly desire it. A doesn't mean anything because it's not a real sentence.

A lacks the formalism of B... and somehow that indicates a different meaning that I can't put into words.

A is much more exaggerated and might even be joking or sarcastic. B would mean the person actually really wants it.

(A) is nonsense. The meaning is, I suppose, semantically the same, but (A) looks either like a non-native speaker's utterance or something specifically intended to sound childish and ungrammatical

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?



Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

twitter character limit

Cuter?

I'm not sure, but this definitely the "because x" construction that people use for comedic timing. Dropping the preposition messes with the even footing of the phrase "because of", and it's also funny as a one word rejoinder to a potentially complex question.

in online/text communication it's a common construction to show playfulness, jest, etc

In modern parlance, uttering something like "yay animals" implies that animals are inherently positive, and that therefore it is not necessary to express in more detail why the second clause implies the first clause.

No idea. Both are awkward though

It's shorter and in slang, (there are) seems optional.

Because the existence of the animals is implied by saying animals already. I don't understand the first part though...

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

What meaning does (a) either lack or add compared to (b)?

Adds enjoyment/enthusiasm for animals as well as the info that there were animals present

I would never say b because I wouldn't connect two parts of the sentence with yay. A also implies that the speaker expects the reader to automatically understand why animals are awesome and why that would make the birthday friend happy.

I think (a) lacks a specificity in regards to the animals. Were they at a zoo? Did the birthdaying friend get an animal printed shirt? Etc.

A suggests a more general theme--maybe the party was animal-themed and the friend loves animals, but animals weren't actually there, and broadens the friend's love of animals. B is very specific to the presence of animals.

A does not necessarily imply that there were animals wherever the friend was. It could just be that the friend loved "it" because the friend in general enjoys animals.

"Birthdaying" is not a word!

No idea what either means

B means there were animals at the birthday. A means animals were involved but it's not clear if physical animals were present or were on the wrapping paper, etc.

Consider the following:

What does the 2nd sentence convey?

She made the cake for her spouse because they find it the cake theme awesome.

The fact that Minecraft (or Minecraft creepers) and/or the wife making the Minecraft cake is awesome. I would go with the former--Minecraft, rather than the wife, is awesome. Really it suggest that there's no need to explain the wife's decision to make the Minecraft cake, as Minecraft is "awesome."

The wife is awesome.

That the reason your wife hand-made a Minecraft creeper cake is that Minecraft (or Minecraft creepers) are awesome

What second sentence?

It's trying to convey that the wife made the cake because she's awesome. Or that the fact that his life is now awesome because his wife made the cake. I'm not sure.

That minecraft/cakes/herdery are awesome

because the cake was awesome, but 'because' hasn't changed to be able to be used with adjectives yet (it's not as common) so it just sounds dumb. 'Because' is in the process of being used with nouns, because internet.

The second sentence conveys the speaker's emotions about their wife and the situation she created.

The reason she made it is she wanted to because it's cool, not because she had to.

That the first sentence denotes something was awesome, hence the reason for the action in the first sentence.

The cake was pretty cool. Or the wife is?

It conveys that the cake was made because the wife is awesome, not because anything else was.

"Because awesome", in my opinion, means that the idea in general of making a creeper cake is awesome.

There's 2 possible translations: 1. Because of general awesomeness associated with the concept of making a Minecraft cake. 2. Because her making a Minecraft cake specifically was awesome. By the way, I've never really heard "because + adj" in common parlance... it's usually "because + noun", but maybe I'm getting old (because science, because reasons, etc). "Because awesomeness" or "because awesome sauce" or something would sound more appropriate.

If there were a word before “awesome,” what would it be?

It's

is (if allowed more than one word, it/Minecraft is)

She's

"it"

she's or it's

"they're"

she's

it's

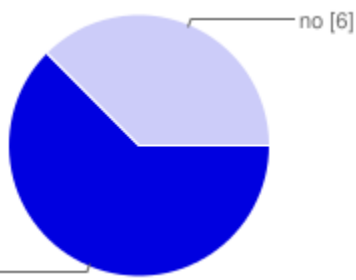
I'm

it's

"that is", or "it is", or even "she is"

"it's" "she's"

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?



yes **10** 62.5%

no **6** 37.5%

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

More emphatic, more expansive, adds an extra criticism of the patriarchy or suggestion of its overarching presence.

Perhaps because they were being more casual and speaking with friends

to exaggerate patriarchy in a jestful way

Shorter?

Internet speak

Because that is Tumblr talk, it implies that the patriarchy is always present doesn't need to be introduced by a definite article

A makes the patriarchy seem like a larger, autonomous thing. It implies you know everything about patriarchy and how it might affect a girl. Sentence b gives more clarifying info as of the speaker wouldn't be implicitly aware of the connection.

Because it sounds more stupid.

no idea

If they're on the internet, if it's casual, if they're trying to be funny. b would still be used in formal/academic settings.

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

What meaning does (a) either lack or add compared to (b)?

A failed to parse

patriarchy means the concept/idea/discourse around patriarchy rather than just the actual patriarchy we live in

In (a), patriarchy has a much wider breadth of meaning. It means the whole general system of male-controlled society and everything that affects.

It changes the scope of where patriarchy extends. (a) means patriarchy at large, and (b) means a specific patriarchy... I think.

Meaning (b) seems more academic and clinical whereas (a) seems to use the patriarchy as a catch phrase.

B refers to a specific patriarchy, while A refers merely to the concept of patriarchy.

Consider the sentence:

Why don't they state their reasons?

They don't really have any

Maybe there are too many, they don't have time, or they just don't feel like it

Because. Just kidding. I think because the reasons are either unknown, unclear or stupid. This way, the listener is more focused on the incorrect grammar than on the fact that there were no reasons stated.

They are unwilling to disclose them, for some reason they don't want to reveal

They are unnecessary or unhelpful or too long/complicated to state, or because they do not wish to.

I'm put off by this sentence. It makes the speaker seem lazy, as if they don't care enough about the situation to even give a full sentence.

They may be too mundane to bother mentioning or too convoluted to support brevity?

The reasons are universal and known.

Because they're lazy or they don't actually have reasons or they're stupid.

Perhaps they are too complicated to be stated easily? Or the person is trying to be vaguely belligerent or pull rank or something by not being clear about their reasons?

It's funnier. Because humor.

Reasons might be obvious or selfish.

There are too many, or they do not know them, or they cannot articulate them or the reasons are shared knowledge with their listener

Consider the sentence:

Why does the speaker use the 2nd sentence?

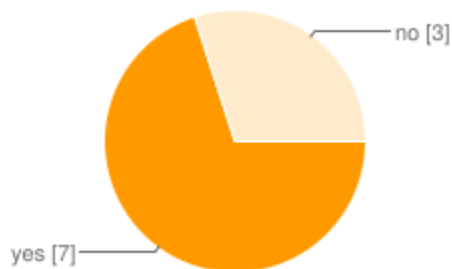
It suggests that the speaker *doesn't* have reasons because s/he can't think of anything more specific.

He cannot think of specific reasons.

What second sentence?

Consider the sentence:

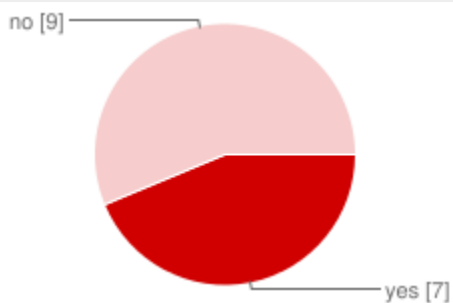
Does the speaker have reasons?



yes 7 70%

no 3 30%

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?



yes 7 43.8%

no 9 56.3%

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

Why might a speaker choose to utter (a) as opposed to (b)?

To emphasize Ferguson

Internet, casual, funny

emphasie ferguson

More casual/more emphasis

It makes the event seem more looming, more like an exasperated explanation

I don't really see a difference...

Again, it's just slightly broader/more expansive. It also suggests that Ferguson isn't really the reason as much as what came out of Ferguson, whereas the second sentence localizes it more to Ferguson itself.

Do the following sentences mean the same thing?

What meaning does (a) either lack or add compared to (b)?

I don't actually really understand either sentence

A fails to parse

Ferguson is an example that illustrates the point in a and the reason in b

In the latter, it seems more clear that "Ferguson" is referring to the event itself, rather than to a location or person.

(a) implies a closer connection to the events at Ferguson surrounding Michael Brown

(a) doesn't mean anything to me; this construction only works when it's referring to a concept or an idea; I interpret "Ferguson" as a specific event here.

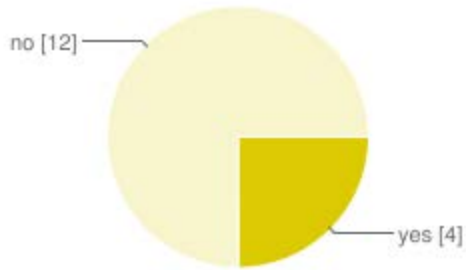
It lacks "of"

I suppose unlike the last question, (a) doesn't refer to a more general "Ferguson" (unless the term was semantically expanded to mean any kind of American racial conflict), but it would be used for the comic timing that "because+noun" has. (b) is simply the same phrasing but in standard English.

Sentence a is demeaning to what Ferguson accomplished or means. It is a subject that shouldn't be treated with sarcasm, exaggeration, or joking language.

Consider the sentence:

Does the speaker have reasons?



yes	4	25%
no	12	75%

Consider the sentence:

Why does the speaker use the 2nd sentence?

Because they are too lazy to explain the real reasons.

It's sort of like saying because reasons exist.

To illustrate a celebration of arbitrariness that doesn't discriminate against any form of reasoning so long as there are reasons.

Because reasons.

To emphasize his/her lack of reasons.

sarcasm

What second sentence?

To avoid listing reasons

To possibly prevent someone asking for reasons they don't have

To enhance how ridiculous it is that they are being arbitrary. They are further pointing out that they have no reasons.

Because they feel like they should have reasons they don't know how to convey

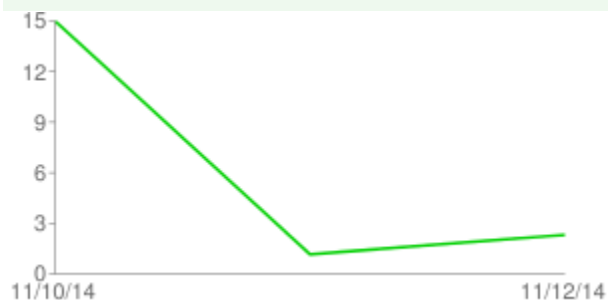
I honestly do not know.

The speaker has no actual reasons

To be annoying

Entertainment? Adds fun to discourse

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