

why**1. [waɪ] n**

причина

the whys and wherefores - отчего да почему, причины и основания
every why has a wherefore - на всё есть свои причины

2. [waɪ] adv**1. inter****1) почему?, отчего?; по какой причине?; на каком основании?**

why did you do that? - почему /зачем/ вы это сделали?

why so? - почему?, по какой причине?

why not? - а почему бы нет?

2) а что?, почему вы спрашиваете?

are you ill? - No, why? - вы больны? - Нет, а что такое?

2. 1) rel почему

I can think of no reason why you should not go - я не знаю, почему бы вам не пойти

this is (the reason) why I left so early - вот почему /по какой причине/ я так рано ушёл

2) conj почему

I don't know why they are late - не знаю, почему они опаздывают

◇ why in thunder /in blazes, the dickens, the deuce, the devil, the hell/ ...? - почему, чёрт возьми /побери/ ...?

3. [waɪ] int**1) как!, ба! (выражает удивление)**

why, it is Smith! - ба, да ведь это Смит!

why, what's the matter? - в чём дело?

why, this is the very book I want! - да ведь это та самая книга, которую я ищу!

2) да, ну (выражает нетерпение)

why, of course that was it - ну конечно, это так!

why, sure - *разе*. ну конечно же!**3) пожалуй (выражает колебание)**

is it true? - why, yes, I think so - это правда? - Да как вам сказать? Пожалуй, да

4) да как же!, ну конечно! (выражает догадку)**5) ведь, да (выражает возражение)**

why, it is quite easy! - да ведь это вовсе не трудно!

why, what's the harm? - ну так что за беда!

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why [why whys] **adverb, exclamation, noun** BrE [waɪ] ^ˈ NAmE [waɪ] ^ˈ**adverb****1. used in questions to ask the reason for or purpose of sth**

• Why were you late?

• Tell me why you did it.

• 'I would like you to go.' ' **Why me?** '• (informal) **Why oh why** do people keep leaving the door open?**2. used in questions to suggest that it is not necessary to do sth**

• Why get upset just because you got one bad grade?

• Why bother to write? We'll see him tomorrow.

3. used to give or talk about a reason

• That's why I left so early.

• I know you did it— I just want to know why.

• **The reason why** the injection needs repeating every year is that the virus changes.Word Origin:

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Idioms: ↑why ever ▪ ↑why not? ▪ ↑whys and wherefores**exclamation** (old-fashioned or NAmE) used to express surprise, lack of patience, etc.

• Why Jane, it's you!

• Why, it's easy— a child could do it!

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whyI. **why**¹ **S1 W1** /waɪ/ *BrE* *AmE* *adverb*

1. used to ask or talk about the reason for something:

- " Why are you crying?
- " Why do we have to take all these tests?
- " 'She wants to meet you.' 'Why?'
- " 'I won't be able to come into work tomorrow.' 'Why not?'
- " I have no idea why the television isn't working.
- " Simon loves you – that's why he wants to be with you.
- " He's angry with me and I don't know why.
- " There's no reason why we shouldn't be friends.

why on earth/why ever etc (=used for emphasis when you are surprised, angry etc)

- " Why on earth didn't you ask me to help?
- " 'I don't want us to be seen together.' 'Why ever not?'

2. used to introduce a question that shows you do not think it is necessary to do something:

- " Why worry? You can't do anything about it.
- " Why waste time going to the bank when you can do it all over the Internet?

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SPOKEN PHRASES3. **why not?** used to say that you agree with a suggestion:

- " 'We could invite John and Barbara.' 'Yes, why not?'

4. **why doesn't somebody do something?**a) (also **why not do something?**) used to make a suggestion:

- " Why don't you bring over a video for us to watch?
- " Why not relax and enjoy the atmosphere?

b) used to say angrily that someone should do something:

- " Why don't you mind your own business?

5. **why somebody?** used to ask why a particular person has been chosen or is suffering:

- " Why me? Why can't someone else drive you?

6. **why oh why ...?** used to show that you are very sorry or angry about something:

- " Why oh why did I say those horrible things?

II. **why**² *BrE* *AmE* *interjection old-fashioned*

used when you are surprised or have suddenly realized something:

- " Why, look who's here!
- " And I thought to myself, why, I can do that.

III. **why**³ *BrE* *AmE* *noun***the whys and (the) wherefores** the reasons or explanations for something:

- " The whys and the wherefores of these procedures need to be explained.

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