Dictionary Tutorial for BEOLINGUS

Website: http://dict.tu-chemnitz.de/dings.cgi?lang=en;service=deen

On this dictionary website you can find examples, synonyms, grammatical hints, pronunciations explanations and examples for German.

When working with an online dictionary you need to make sure that you understand all the different examples that are given when you look up a certain word. The dictionary will give you the different meaning and meanings with context, as well as synonyms. Pay attention to all the information so that you can find the word that you need for what you are trying to say.

In order to demonstrate what information you can find on BEOLINGUS, the word 'because' is chosen. Once you type in this word on the BEOLINGUS website you will receive the following information:

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Weil; denn; alldieweil [obs.] {conj} (Conj) (Conj)
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This information gives you the two words *weil* and *denn*. There are two symboles in the brakets. The first one is [obs.] meaning obsolete, refering to the word *alldieweil*, which is not used were often anymore. The other one is {conj.}, explaining that the word category is a conjugtion. In addition you have the pronounciation of each word at the speaker symbol. *Weil er hier war* gives you a short example of how the word can be used.

If you continue on looking through the other example for the word you will find the following:

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wegen {prp; +Gen.; +Dat. [ugs.]}
                                                                       because of; due to; owing to; on account of 🖤 🖤
  wegen des schlechten Wetters; des schlechten Wetters wegen
                                                                         because of the bad weather; owing to the bad weather
  wegen Krankheit geschlossen
                                                                         closed due to illness
  wegen seiner Schwester
                                                                         on account of his sister
  von Berufs wegen
                                                                         for professional reasons
                                                                         It's all because of you!
  Das verdanke ich dir/euch!
deinetwegen; euretwegen {adv}
                                                                       because of you 🕦
ihretwillen: ihretwegen: ihrethalben {adv}
                                                                       because of her; for her sake; because of them
seinetwegen; seinethalben {adv}
                                                                       because of him
unsertwegen {adv}
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The first section just gave you a simple explanation of the word. In this second section you are given more information within the context of the word. *Because of* in German would be *wegen*.

The abbreviations after the word wegen tell you the following:

{prp} = preposition

- +Gen = Genitive, the grammatical case that marks a noun as modifying another noun.
- +Dat. = Dative, the grammatical case to indicated the noun

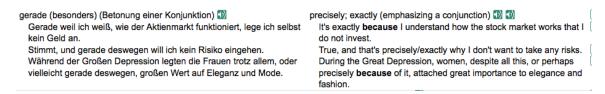
[ugs.] = umgangssprachlich/colloquial

After the example you can find a section that makes a distinction between you, her, him and us. You can see that in German each of these is combined with *wegen*, creating a new word.

The following is just another distinction of the word because in German:

In this context it is not used as a conjugation, but as a statement. *Deshalb* is the used to say *that's why* or *because of that.* The abbreviation {adv} tell you that the word is an adverb.

The last section that was picked from the list of words that come up when searching the word *because* give another example of a different word that means *because* in German and possibilities on how it can be used in a sentence:



Here the word *gerade* is given. You can see that both words; *gerade* and *deswegen* are used in the example. *Deswegen* is the conjunction, which is emphasized by the word *gerade*.

At last, pay attention to the top right corner when you first see the results for you word search. Where you can see the word that you typed into the search engine, you can also see a list of similar words on the right side (red square). These might be useful to help you find the context and with that the right word that you need to express what you are trying to say.

