

Definitions starting with F

for

/fa/ prep. 1. [cf. Cam. fo for, at, to CCD] with, to; in, of : 1940 I don't 'gree fer dat(Dupuch 42). I ain't eat nuttin fa the day and now I dyin' for hungry (Nassau).

2. [cf. Bajan, Gul., Vir., Djuka fo, fa etc. to express relationship of marriage or descent, as "Donald for Jane"—that is, Jane's husband, or son, Donald (Roy 1977:74); this may derive from an earlier fo possessive (see FOR WHO): cf. Bay Islands "Deyz for granmoda grandson" (Warantz in Holm ed. 1982) or Cayman "Who is the car for?" (i.e. who owns it?) and "Who are you for?" (i.e. whose child are you?) (Fuller 66); cf. Scots for by CSD, but also Haitian pour in this sense (C. Jerome p.c.); finally, cf. pregnant for (a man) in Guy. (Yansen 37), Trin. (Winer P.c.)]

(pregnant) by: 1832 It appears that she is already with child for Cuffey (Farquharson 75). She makin' a baby for Paul (Exuma). He born for a Haitian father (Inagua). (Gen.)

for (all) time [Car.; US dial. South idem WEA] phr. for good; once and for all: You ain't joking, eh? You coming for time? (Nassau). (Gen.)

for a long time (ago) (cf. MCC "Dis tree fall down 'cross my back for t'ree days"; OED for tang long ago obs.1 phr. a long time ago. (Black)

for a matter of fact [cf. as a matter of fact, influenced by for a fact] phr. as a matter of fact: Children who will probably never walk or talk or even see for a matter of fact (COB). (Black)

for purpose [W Car.; cf. def. 1] phr. on purpose; intentionally: I am sure he did not do it for purpose (Nassau). (Black)

for sake of [Atlantic; cf. OED for the sake of idem obs. →1622] phr. because of: 1977 Come in, child, if you can get in for sake of dirt (Al- bury 22). (Gen)

for true [Atlantic; also US dial. South ADD] phr. certainly; really: 1966 That's true for true (Crowley 64). 1970 Get out! Get out! fa true dis time (Wallace 38). (Black)

for who [W Car.; cf. Cayman "Who is the car for?" (i.e. who owns it?) (Fuller 66); cf. Jam. huufa whose (relative pron.) and fi-mi my, mine (Bailey 1966:103,33) and DJE fi] interrogative pron. whose? For who they are? (Nassau). (Black)

for why [OED idem obs. or dial.; also US dial. ADD] interrogative why? (Black)

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