

Reduction in negative contracted forms and conjunctions in Lancashire (Bolton) English

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AIMS

1/ Disyllabic and monosyllabic forms of *because*

2/ Age-grading in the pronunciation and range of meanings of *because*

3/ Traces of /dɪnt/, /kʌnt/, /wʌnt/, and /ʃʌnt/ (with some speakers)

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/pks/

monosyllabic

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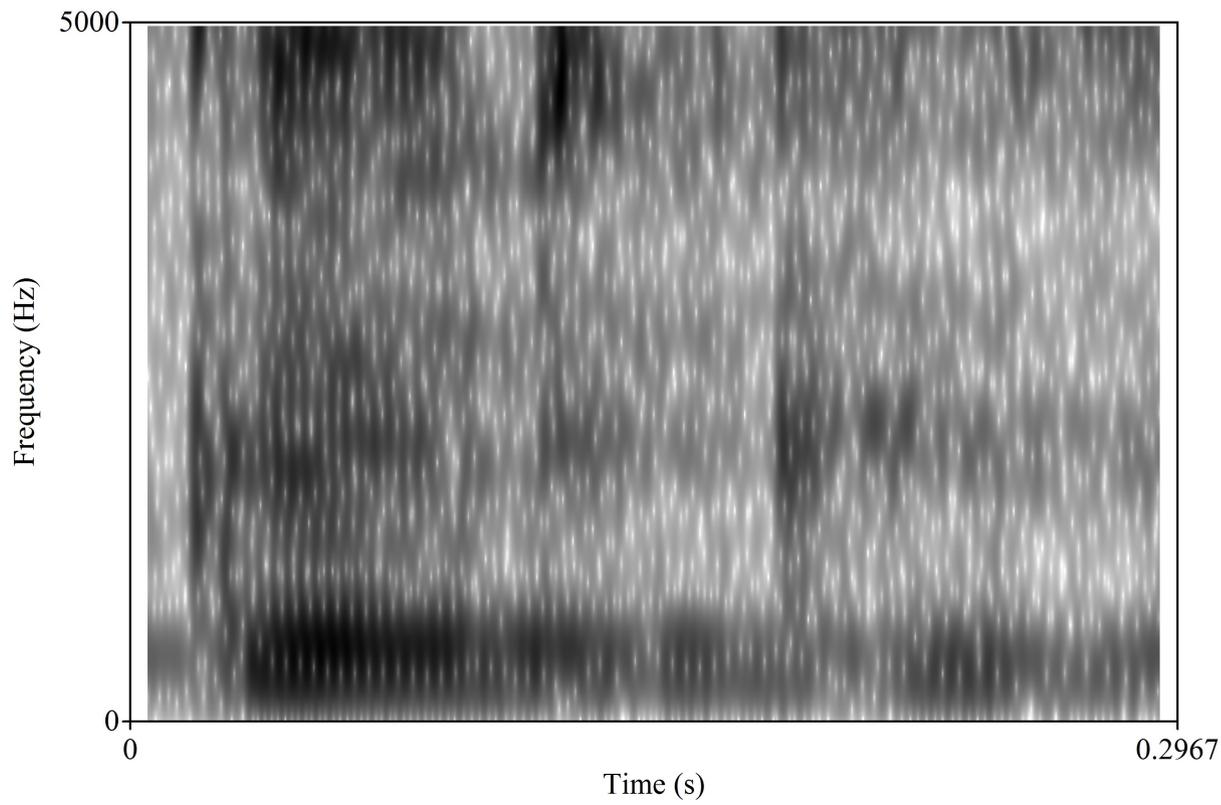
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