

What, How, Stop, Algorithm

What is one of a set of symbols I used from youth. As far as I remember it is arbitrary.

Related ids are that, which, why, and of course where, when, and how. Over the course of years I have tried to examine all of my basic ids to see if they really make sense or can be improved. Sometimes this involves some rationalization. When we ask what? we ask for a thing. I use O as a generalized thing and O is unfulfilled, unfilled in, and so can carry a sense of

could be thought of as short for x, x being thing.

question (... possible). I have 2 ids for how: → + to. what way + what degree. How did you do that? How much money do you have? This is a good example of making meanings clearer with ids. (here I have used the instrumental sense of with - another example). Related to how is means - something used on the way. The what of how could be a way, a technique, an algorithm, any means. (I just made up this new id for algorithm: ∴ list of steps → way - pretty good, I think!)

stop (→ go + but) I drove for an hr. then stopped. I stopped. His journey was stopped by bad weather. The manned moon expeditions were stopped by the aliens.

- * expedition . Latin dot
- ex (out)
- ped foot
- .it go
- tion

(or other)