

## **Polar *kya***

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In their seminal work on Urdu/Hindi polar *kya*, Bhatt & Dayal (2020) propose a new class of question particles, *polar question particles*. As part of their analysis, the authors also argue that alternative questions in Urdu/Hindi are disjunctions of polar questions. However, Bhatt & Dayal (2020) pioneering work leaves unexplained potential counterexamples to their proposal found in embedded contexts, as well as speakers' intuitions regarding the use of *kya* to trigger sometimes sarcasm and sometimes politeness inferences. In this paper we pay attention to those cases in conjunction with other available empirical observations to paint a much simpler yet more explanatory picture of what *kya* is and what *kya* does.