

**a·ware** S1 W1 AC

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**adjective** [not before noun]

- 1** KNOW SOMEBODY if you are aware that a situation exists, you realize or know that it exists:

**aware of**

*The children are aware of the danger of taking drugs.*

*Mr Braley has been **made aware** of the need for absolute secrecy.*

**aware that**

*Were you aware that Joe had this problem with his knee?*

**well/fully/acutely aware**

*They were well aware that the company was losing money.*

*As you are aware, a fee will be charged annually.*

- 2** NOTICE if you are aware of something, you notice it, especially because you can see, hear, feel, or smell it:

**aware of**

*She was aware of a tall dark figure watching her.*

*He was aware of the wind in his face.*

**aware that**

*Bill **became aware** that he was still holding his glass.*

- 3** UNDERSTAND understanding a lot about what is happening around you and paying attention to it, especially because you realize possible dangers and problems:

**politically/socially/environmentally etc aware**

*the socially aware novels of Dickens*

*We should promote environmentally aware and responsible*

*science.*

**4 so/as far as I am aware** (spoken) THINK SO/NOT BE SURE

used when you are saying something that you think is true, although you might be wrong because you do not know all the facts:

*As far as I am aware, they are a happily married couple.*

**Word origin**

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