

ap·par·ent

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/ə'pærənt/

adjective

1 OBVIOUS easy to notice

SYN obvious:

it is apparent (that)

It soon became apparent that we had a major problem.

it is apparent from something that

It is apparent from scientific studies that the drug has some fairly nasty side effects.

it is apparent to somebody that

It was apparent to everyone that he was seriously ill.

*The difference in quality was **immediately apparent**.*

*He left suddenly, **for no apparent reason**.*

2 SEEM seeming to have a particular feeling or attitude, although this may not be true:

He did well in his exams, despite his apparent lack of interest in his work.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

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