

know**1. [nəʊ] n**

знание

to be in the know - *разг.* быть в курсе дела**2. [nəʊ] v (knew; known)****1. знать, иметь понятие или представление; быть в курсе дела**

to know smb.'s peculiarities [smb.'s habits, smb.'s character, oneself] - знать чьи-л. особенности [чьи-л. привычки, чей-л. характер, самого себя]

to know positively that - быть уверенным в том, что; знать наверняка, что

to know all about smth. - знать всё о чём-л.; быть полностью в курсе дела относительно чего-л.

to know of smb. who will do the work - знать человека, который может выполнить эту работу

to know smth. against smb. - знать что-л. компрометирующее кого-л.

I do not know how it was done - понятия не имею, как это сделали /это было сделано/

the place is known to me alone - это место известно мне одному /только мне/

I don't know if you'll like it - не знаю, понравится ли вам это

I don't know whether he is here - мне неизвестно /я не знаю/, здесь ли он

how do I know? - откуда мне знать?

how did you come to know of it? - как получилось, что вы об этом узнали?

as far as I know - насколько мне известно /я знаю/

everything gets known - всё становится известным

to make smth. known to smb. - довести что-л. до чьего-л. сведения

Heaven only knows! - одному небу /богу/ известно!

be it known to you - да будет вам известно

let me know - сообщите мне, дайте мне знать

let me know when [where, how] it happened - поставьте меня в известность (о том), когда [где, как] это случилось

this is the best method I know of - это лучший из известных мне способов

not that I know of it - мне об этом ничего не известно, у меня об этом нет никаких сведений

2. знать, обладать знаниями, разбираться, быть сведущим (в чём-л., в какой-л. области)

a man who knows - знающий /сведущий/ человек

to know smth. thoroughly [superficially, insufficiently] - знать что-л. глубоко [поверхностно, недостаточно]

to know one's lesson [one's part, the multiplication tables] - знать урок [свою роль, таблицу умножения]

to know a foreign language - владеть иностранным языком

to know the law - быть сведущим в вопросах права, знать законы

to know banking - знать банковское дело

to know music [poetry] - понимать музыку [поэзию], разбираться в музыке [поэзии]

to know smth. by heart - знать что-л. наизусть

to know smth. by /from/ experience [hearsay] - знать что-л. по опыту [понаслышке]

I am not guessing, I know - я не гадаю, я знаю

father knows best - отец знает (как надо поступать) лучше нас; ≅ надо слушаться отца

3. уметь, знать (как сделать что-л.); обладать умением

to know how to play chess [to read, to swim, to behave] - уметь играть в шахматы [читать, плавать, вести себя]

he would do it if he knew how - он бы сделал это, если бы умел

all one knows - всё, что умеешь /можешь/

4. осознавать, понимать

to know one's faults - знать свои собственные недостатки

the summer was gone before I knew - не успел я оглянуться, как лето прошло

he doesn't know his own mind - он сам не знает, чего хочет

we know a soldier by the clothes he wears - мы узнаём военнослужащего по одежде

5. испытать, пережить

to know poverty [sorrow] - знать нужду [горе]

to have known better days - знавать лучшие дни

he has known trouble - ему пришлось немало пережить

6. 1) быть знакомым (с кем-л.); знать (кого-л.); познакомиться (с кем-л.)

to know smb. intimately [officially] - быть в близких [официальных] отношениях с кем-л.

to know smb. personally - быть лично знакомым с кем-л.

to know smb. from a photograph - знать кого-л. по фотографии

to get to know smb. better - ближе познакомиться с кем-л.

they are among the people I know - я с ними знаком

to be in surroundings one knows - быть в знакомой обстановке

to make oneself known to smb. - представиться кому-л.

2) *обыкн. pass* быть известным

he is known to the police - полиции он известен, он в полиции на учёте

to be known under the name of Smith - быть известным под фамилией Смит

the drug is commercially known as ... - это лекарство продаётся под названием ...

3) *обыкн. pass* пользоваться известностью

to become known - становиться известным; приобретать известность

he is known as a successful lawyer - он пользуется репутацией преуспевающего юриста

known to the world, internationally known - известный всему миру, пользующийся мировой известностью

7. 1) узнавать, опознавать

to know smb. by his voice [by his walk] - узнать кого-л. по голосу [по походке]

to know smb. at a distance - узнать кого-л. на расстоянии

I might not know him again - я могу его не узнать

2) отличать различать

to know one tune from another - отличать одну мелодию от другой

to know a friend from a foe [good from evil] - отличать друга от врага [добро от зла]

to know a good thing when one sees it - понимать, что хорошо и что плохо, разбираться в чём-л.

8. *библ.* познать (женщину)

◇ what do you know? - а) что нового?; как дела?; б) да что вы!; нет, вы видали такое! (*выражает удивление*)

you know, don't you know? - видишь ли, (ты) знаешь, понимаешь ли, (ты) понимаешь?

you know who did it! - представь себе, кто это сделал!

I want to know! - да ну; неужели!, не может быть!

what do you know (about that)! - никогда бы не подумал!, удивительно!, удивительное дело!

to know what's what - понимать что к чему; разбираться в чём-л.

to know a thing or two - кое в чём разбираться, знать что к чему

to know one's own business - не вмешиваться в чужие дела

to know better than that, to know better than do smth. - быть не настолько глупым, чтобы сделать что-л.

to know how many beans make five - знать в чём-л. толк, знать что к чему; быть себе на уме

not to know B from a bull's foot - ни аза не знать /не понимать/; не разбираться в элементарных вещах

to know chalk from cheese - понимать что к чему

before you know where you are - ≅ в два счёта; и ахнуть не успел

for all I know - может быть, почём знать, кто его знает

to know the time of day - а) быть настороже /наготове, начеку/; б) = to know the ropes

to know the ropes, to know one's way about - быть искушённым (*в чём-л.*); знать все ходы и выходы

not to know enough to come in out of the rain - *амер.* плохо соображать, не отличать смекалкой; быть тупицей

to know one's stuff, to know one's onions - ≅ знать что-л. назубок

know

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know [know knows knew knowing known] verb, noun BrE [nəʊ] ^m NAmE

[noʊ]

verb (knew BrE [nju:] ^m; NAmE [nu:] ^m known BrE [nəʊn] ^m; NAmE [noʊn] ^m) (not used in the progressive tenses)

HAVE INFORMATION

1. transitive, intransitive to have information in your mind as a result of experience or because you have learned or been told it

- ~ **sth** Do you know his address?
- The cause of the fire is not yet known.
- **All I know** is that she used to work in a bank (= I have no other information about her).
- ~ **(that)...** I know (that) people's handwriting changes as they get older.
- **it is known that...** It is widely known that CFCs can damage the ozone layer.
- ~ **where, what, etc...** I knew where he was hiding.
- I didn't know what he was talking about.
- ~ **(of/about sth)** 'You've got a flat tyre.' 'I know.'
- 'What's the answer?' 'I don't know.'
- 'There's no one in.' ' **How do you know?** '
- You know about Amanda's baby, don't you?
- **I don't know about you, but** I'm ready for something to eat.
- **I know of** at least two people who did the same thing.
- 'Is anyone else coming?' ' **Not that I know of.** '
- 'Isn't that his car?' ' **I wouldn't know./How should I know?** ' (= I don't know and I am not the person you should ask.)
- (*informal*) 'What are you two whispering about?' ' **You don't want to know** ' (= because you would be shocked or wouldn't approve)
- ~ **to do sth** Does he know to come here (= that he should come here) first?
- ~ **sb/sth to be/do sth** We know her to be honest.
- Two women are known to have died.

see also ↑need-to-know

REALIZE

2. transitive, intransitive to realize, understand or be aware of sth

- ~ **(that)...** As soon as I walked in the room I knew (that) something was wrong.
- She knew she was dying.
- ~ **what, how, etc...** I knew perfectly well what she meant.
- I know exactly how you feel.
- ~ **(sth)** This case is hopeless **and he knows it** (= although he will not admit it).
- 'Martin was lying all the time.' ' **I should have known** . '

FEEL CERTAIN

3. transitive, intransitive to feel certain about sth

- ~ **(that)...** He knew (that) he could trust her.
- I know it's here somewhere!

- I know things will turn out all right.
- I don't know that I can finish it by next week.
- I just knew that it was something I wanted to do.
- ~ **(sth)** 'You were right— someone's been spreading rumours about you.' 'I knew it!'
- 'She's the worst player in the team.' 'Oh, **I don't know** (= I am not sure that I agree) — she played well yesterday.'

see also ↑don't-know

BE FAMILIAR

4. transitive ~ sb/sth to be familiar with a person, place, thing, etc

- I've known David for 20 years.
- Do you two know each other (= have you met before) ?
- She was a secretary when I first knew her.
- She's very nice when you **get to know** her.
- **Knowing Ben** , we could be waiting a long time (= it is typical of him to be late) .
- This man **is known to the police** (= as a criminal) .
- I don't know anyone in Oxford.
- I know Paris well.
- Do you know the play (= have you seen or read it before) ?
- The new rules could mean the end of football **as we know it** (= in the form that we are familiar with) .

REPUTATION

5. transitive, usually passive to think that sb/sth is a particular type of person or thing or has particular characteristics

- ~ **sb/sth as sth** It's known as the most dangerous part of the city.
- ~ **sb/sth for sth** She is best known for her work on the human brain.
- ~ **sb/sth to be/do sth** He's known to be an outstanding physicist .

GIVE NAME

6. transitive ~ sb/sth as sth usually passive to give sb/sth a particular name or title

- The drug is commonly known as Ecstasy .
- Peter Wilson, also known as 'the Tiger'

RECOGNIZE

7. transitive ~ sb/sth to be able to recognize sb/sth

- I couldn't see who was speaking, but I knew the voice.
- She knows a bargain when she sees one.

DISTINGUISH

8. transitive ~ sb/sth from sb/sth to be able to distinguish one person or thing from another

Syn: ↑differentiate

- I hope we have taught our children to know right from wrong.

SKILL/LANGUAGE

9. transitive to have learned a skill or language and be able to use it

- ~ **sth** Do you know any Japanese?
- ~ **how, what, etc...** Do you know how to use spreadsheets?

EXPERIENCE

10. transitive (only used in the perfect tenses) to have seen, heard or experienced sth

- ~ **sb/sth (to) do sth** I've never known it (to) snow in July before.
- **be known to do sth** He has been known to spend all morning in the bathroom.

11. transitive ~ sth to have personal experience of sth

- He has known both poverty and wealth.
- She may be successful now, but she has **known what it is like to be** poor.

more at have/know all the answers **at** ↑answer _{n.}, know/learn/find sth to your own cost **at** ↑cost _{n.}, have seen/known better days **at** ↑day, better the devil you know (than the devil you don't) **at** ↑devil, as far as I know **at** ↑far _{adv.}, Lord knows Lord (only) knows (what, where, why etc.) **at** ↑lord _{n.}, old enough to know better **at** ↑old, have/know sth off pat **at** ↑pat _{adv.}, show sb/know/learn the ropes **at** ↑rope _{n.}, know/tell sb a thing or two (about sb/sth) not know, etc. the first thing about sb/sth **at** ↑thing, if (the) truth be known/told **at** ↑truth

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	know
	BrE /nəʊ/
	NAme /noʊ/
he / she / it	knows
	BrE /nəʊz/
	NAme /noʊz/
past simple	knew
	BrE /nju:/
	NAme /nu:/
past participle	known
	BrE /nəʊn/
	NAme /noʊn/

Word Origin:

Old English cnāwan (earlier gecnāwan) 'recognize, identify', of Germanic origin; from an Indo-European root shared by Latin (g)noscere, Greek gignōskein, also by †can and †ken.

Thesaurus:

know verb

1. T (not used in the progressive tenses)

- I know exactly how you feel.

realize • • appreciate •

without knowing/realizing/appreciating sth

know/realize/appreciate **that...**

know/realize/appreciate **what/how/why...**

Know or realize ? To **realize** means to become or be aware of sth. To **know** sth is to be aware of it: **know** can mean 'become aware' if it happens in a single moment; however, if the process of becoming aware takes any time, use **realize** :

- The moment I walked in the room I realized/knew something was wrong.
- I soon/quickly/gradually realized my mistake.

✗ I soon/quickly/gradually knew my mistake.

2. T, I

- I know my keys are here somewhere!

guarantee • |spoken bet •

know/guarantee/bet **that...**

you **can** guarantee/bet (that...)

Synonyms:

identify

know • recognize • name • make sb/sth out

These words all mean to be able to see or hear sb/sth and especially to be able to say who or what they are.

identify • to be able to say who or what sb/sth is: ▫ She was able to identify her attacker.

know • to be able to say who or what sth is when you see or hear it because you have seen or heard it before **Know** is used especially to talk about sounds that seem familiar and when sb recognizes the quality or opportunity that sb/sth represents: ▫ I couldn't see who was speaking, but I knew the voice. ◇ ▫ She knows a bargain when she sees one.

recognize • to know who sb is or what sth is when you see or hear them/it, because you have seen or heard them/it before: ▫ I recognized him as soon as he came in the room.

name • to say the name of sb/sth in order to show that you know who/what they are: ▫ The victim has not yet been named.

make sb/sth out • to manage to see or hear sb/sth that is not very clear: ▫ I could just make out a figure in the darkness.

to identify/know/recognize sb/sth **by** sth

to identify/recognize/name sb/sth **as** sb/sth

to identify/know/recognize/make out **who/what/how...**

to **easily/barely/just** identify/recognize/make out sb/sth

Example Bank:

- But I hardly know the woman!
- He is internationally known for his work with vaccines.
- He knew instinctively where he would find her.
- He knows a lot about early music.
- He was known as Bonzo to his friends.
- I don't know John very well.
- I don't know for certain, but I think she lives in the next town.
- I don't know of anyone who might be interested in the job.
- I don't know them personally.
- I honestly don't know what they mean to do.
- I instantly knew what the call was about.
- I just knew there would be problems.
- If I'd known beforehand how bad it would be, I wouldn't have gone.
- Iran was formerly known as Persia.
- It is widely known that CFCs can damage the ozone layer.

- Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help.
- Please let me know= tell me if there's anything I can do to help.
- She's very nice when you get to know her
- The drug is variously known as crack or freebase.
- The next thing I knew, I was waking up in hospital.
- The properties of this substance are poorly known.
- This man is known to the police.
- Xinjiang was formerly known as eastern Turkestan.
- You know very well what I'm talking about!
- parts of the body known collectively as the sensory system
- 'He's feeling really down.' 'I know.'
- 'Martin was lying all along.' 'I should have known.'
- 'She's the worst player in the team.' 'Oh, I don't know — she played well yesterday.'
- 'You were right— someone's been spreading rumours about you.' 'I knew it!'
- He knew he was dying.
- He knew that he could trust her.
- He knows this city better than anyone.
- I couldn't see who was speaking, but I knew the voice.
- I don't know that I can finish it by next week.
- I know it's here somewhere!
- If only we'd known you were having so many problems!
- If you don't know how to fill in the forms, just ask.
- She knew deep down that she would never see him again.
- She thought she would never know the joy of seeing a child grow up in her care.
- This case is hopeless and he knows it.
- You know perfectly well what she meant.

Idioms: ↑God knows ▪ ↑I don't know how, why, etc ... ▪ ↑I know ▪ ↑before you know where you are ▪ for all you/I/they know ▪ ↑in the know ▪ ↑know best ▪ ↑know better ▪ ↑know different ▪ ↑know full well ▪ ↑know somebody backwards ▪ ↑know somebody by sight ▪ ↑know somebody inside out ▪ ↑know somebody like the back of your hand ▪ ↑know something as well as I do ▪ ↑know what you're talking about ▪ ↑know which side your bread is buttered ▪ ↑know your own mind ▪ ↑know your stuff ▪ ↑know your way around ▪ ↑let it be make it known that ... ▪ ↑let somebody know ▪ ↑make yourself known to somebody ▪ ↑not know any better ▪ ↑not know beans about something ▪ ↑not know somebody from Adam ▪ ↑not know the first thing about somebody ▪ ↑not know what hit you ▪ ↑not know where to look ▪ ↑not know whether you're coming or going ▪ ↑not know you are born ▪ ↑not know your arse from your elbow ▪ ↑not to know ▪ ↑there's no knowing ▪ ↑what do you know? ▪ ↑what does ... know? ▪ ↑you know ▪ ↑you know what? ▪ ↑you know who ▪ ↑you never know

noun

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Old English *cnāwan* (earlier *gecnāwan*) 'recognize, identify', of Germanic origin; from an Indo-European root shared by Latin (g)*noscere*, Greek *gignōskein*, also by ↑*can* and ↑*ken*.

know

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I. **know**¹ **S1 W1** /nəʊ \$ nou/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *verb* (past tense **knew** /njuː \$ nuː/, past participle **known** /nəʊn \$ noun/)

[**Word Family:** **adjective:** ↑knowing, ↑knowledgeable, ↑known ≠ ↑unknown; **noun:** ↑knowledge, the unknown; **adverb:** ↑knowingly ≠ ↑unknowingly, ↑knowledgeably; **verb:** ↑know]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** *cnawan*]

1. HAVE INFORMATION [**intransitive, transitive not in progressive**] to have information about something:

- Who knows the answer?
- There are instructions telling you everything you need to know.
- Didn't you know that?

know what/how/where etc

- Do you know what time it is?
- I don't know where to go.

know (something/nothing etc) about something

- I need to know more about the job before I decide whether to apply for it.
- Little is known about the author's childhood.
- I know all about David and what he's been up to!

know (something/nothing etc) of something

- I wonder if he knew of the plan?
- Do you know of any good restaurants in the area?
- You know nothing of this business.

know (that)

- We know that greenhouse gases can affect the climate.
- Let me know (=tell me) what time you're planning to arrive.
- I thought you'd want to know immediately.

If you **must know**, I was with James last night (=used when you are angry because someone wants to know something).

without somebody/sb's knowing

- He slipped out of the house without his parents knowing (=secretly).
- How did he **know** (=how did he find information about) our names?

as you/we know

- 'I'm divorced, as you know,' she said briefly.

be known to do something

- Smoking is known to increase a person's risk of developing lung cancer.

2. BE SURE [intransitive, transitive not in progressive] to be sure about something:

- 'Are you seeing Jim tomorrow?' 'I don't know yet.'

know (that)

- I know I won't get the job.
- Ruth knew that she couldn't continue in the relationship for much longer.

know what/why/how etc

- I know exactly what you need!

know if/whether

- The boy stared at him uncertainly, not knowing whether to believe him.
- I don't know if I'll be able to come.

knowing (that)

- She forced herself to go out, knowing that she would feel more depressed if she stayed at home.
- How do you **know** (=what makes you sure) he won't do it again?

know somebody/something to be something

- It's a story that I know to be true.
- I think he's still living in Chicago, but I don't **know for sure**.
- As far as I **know**, they're arriving on Saturday (=used when you think something is true but are not sure).
- I doubt I'll win, but you **never know** (=used when you cannot be sure about something, but something good might happen).

3. BE FAMILIAR WITH SOMEBODY/SOMETHING [transitive not in progressive] to be familiar with a person, place etc:

- I've known her for twenty years.
- Are you really thinking of leaving Kevin for a guy you barely know?
- Do you know the nightclub on the corner of Maine Street?
- I don't **know** him very **well**.
- We're still **getting to know** each other really.

know somebody from something

- I know her from school.

know somebody as something

- Many people knew him as a local businessman.
- Hepburn is **best known for** (=people are most likely to be familiar with) her roles in classic films such as 'My Fair Lady'.
- The museum outlines the development of the city **as we know it** today.
- Does he **know the way** to your house (=know how to get there)?
- I grew up here; I **know** the place **like the back of my hand** (=I know it very well).
- I only **know** her **by sight** (=I often see her but have not really spoken to her).
- She didn't **know me from Adam** (=she did not know me at all), but she was really helpful.

knowing somebody/if I know somebody (=used to say that you expect someone to behave in a particular way because you know them well)

- Knowing Sumi, my note's probably still in her pocket.
- He'll be chatting up the women, if I know Ron!

4. REALIZE [intransitive and transitive] to realize, find out about, or understand something:

- Hardly knowing what he was doing, Nick pulled out a cigarette.
- She knew the risks involved.

know (that)

- Suddenly she knew that something was terribly wrong.

know how/what/why etc

- I didn't know how difficult it would be.

know to do something

- She knows not to tell anyone.

(do you) know what I mean? (=used to ask if someone understands or has the same feeling as you)

- It's nice to have a change sometimes. Know what I mean?

if you know what I mean

- Sometimes it's better not to ask too many questions, if you know what I mean.
- 'I just felt so tired.' 'Yeah, I **know what you mean**.' (=I understand, because I have had the same experience).
- I **should have known** it wouldn't be easy.
- I **might have known** (=I am annoyed but not surprised) you would take that attitude.

know exactly/precisely

- I know exactly how you feel.

know perfectly well/full well/only too well

- He knew full well that what he was doing was dangerous.

somebody will never know/no one will ever know

- Just take it. No one will ever know.
- 'That's not what I mean, **and you know it**,' he protested.

if I had known/if I'd have known

I wouldn't have come if I'd known you were so busy.

Little did she know (=she did not know) that years later she would have her own pool and luxury apartment in Florida.

She knew nothing of what had happened earlier that day.

5. SKILL/EXPERIENCE [transitive not in progressive] to have learned a lot about something or be skilful and experienced at doing something:

I don't know enough history to make a comparison.

I taught him everything he knows.

I know some French.

know how to do something

Do you know how to change a fuse?

know about

I have a friend who knows about antiques.

Bessie knew nothing about football.

Politicians know all about the power of language.

I don't know the first thing about (=I know nothing about) looking after children.

I don't really know what I'm doing (=I do not have enough skill and experience to deal with something) when it comes to cars.

The staff are dedicated people who clearly know what they are talking about.

She knew from experience that exams made her very nervous.

know your job/subject/stuff (=be good at and know all you should about a job or subject)

a decent manager who knows the ropes (=has a lot of experience)

My cousin knows a thing or two (=knows a lot) about golf.

know a song/tune/poem etc (=be able to sing a song, play a tune, say a poem etc because you have learned it)

Do you know all the words to 'As Time Goes By'?

6. KNOW SB'S QUALITIES [transitive not in progressive] to think that someone has particular qualities

know somebody as something

I knew him as a hard-working, modest, and honest politician.

know somebody for something

In fact, I knew her for a tough-minded young woman.

7. know better

a) to be wise or experienced enough not to do something:

It's just prejudice from educated people who should know better.

Eva knew better than to interrupt one of Mark's jokes.

b) to know or think you know more than someone else:

Everyone thought it was an accident. Only Dan knew better.

8. not know any better used to say that someone does something bad or stupid because they have not been told or taught that it is wrong:

Drugs are being sold to children who don't know any better.

9. know something inside out (also know something backwards British English, know something backwards and forwards American English) to be very familiar with something, especially because you have learned about it or because you have a lot of experience:

Erikson knows the game inside out.

10. know your way around something

a) to be so familiar with something that you are confident and good at using it:

She knows her way around a wine list.

b) to be familiar with a place so that you know where things are:

I don't know my way around the city yet.

11. make yourself known (to somebody) formal to introduce yourself to someone:

After she had gone, Paul made himself known to Dr Heatherton.

12. RECOGNIZE [transitive] to be able to recognize someone or something:

Honestly, it had been so long, I hardly knew her.

know somebody/something by something

He looked very different, but I knew him by his voice.

13. know somebody/something as something to have a particular name:

The main street between the castle and the palace is known as 'the Royal Mile'.

Nitrous oxide is commonly known as laughing gas.

14. know something from something to understand the difference between one thing and another:

Lloyd doesn't even know his right from his left.

At what age do children start to know right from wrong?

15. EXPERIENCE [transitive] to have experience of a particular feeling or situation:

I don't think he ever knew true happiness.

know about

I know all about being poor.

I've never known (=have never experienced) this to happen in all the time I've worked here.

I've never known him to shout (=he never shouts).

16. somebody/something is not known to be something or somebody/something has never been known to do something used to say there is no information that someone or something has particular qualities:

This species is not known to be vicious.

17. I've known somebody/something to do something or somebody/something has been known to do something used to say that someone does something sometimes or that something happens sometimes, even if it is unusual:

People have been known to drive 500 miles just to visit the shop.
This type of fish has been known to live for 10 years or more.
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SPOKEN PHRASES

18. you know

a) used to emphasize a statement:

There's no excuse, you know.

b) used to make sure that someone understands what you are saying:

I felt very upset, you know?

c) used when you want to keep someone's attention, but cannot think of what to say next:

Well, you know, we've got a job to do here.

d) used when you are explaining or describing something and want to give more information:

That flower in the garden – you know, the purple one – what is it?

19. **you know/do you know** used to start talking about something, or make someone listen:

You know, I sometimes feel I don't know him at all.

Do you know, when I went out this morning that man was still there.

(do) you know what/something?

You know what? I think he's lonely.

20. I know

a) used to agree with someone or to say that you feel the same way:

'We have to talk about it, Rob.' 'Yeah, I know.'

b) used to say that you have suddenly had an idea, thought of a solution to a problem etc:

I know! Let's go out for a meal on your birthday.

c) used to stop someone from interrupting because they have an opinion about what you are saying:

It sounds silly, I know, but I will explain.

I know, I know, I should have had the car checked out before now.

21. I don't know

a) used to say that you do not have the answer to a question:

'When did they arrive?' 'I don't know.'

b) used when you are not sure about something:

'How old do you think he is?' 'Oh, I don't know – sixty, seventy?'

I don't know what/how/whether etc

I don't know whether to call him.

I don't know that

I don't know that you need a passport for travelling within the EU.

c) used to show that you disagree slightly with what has just been said:

'I couldn't live there.' 'Oh, I don't know. It might not be so bad.'

d) **British English** used to show that you are slightly annoyed:

Oh, I don't know! You're hopeless!

22. **I don't know how/why etc** used to criticize someone:

I don't know how people could keep an animal in those conditions.

23. **I don't know about you, but ...** used to give your opinion, decision, or suggestion when you are not sure that the person you are talking to will feel the same way:

I don't know about you, but I'll be glad when Christmas is over.

24. **I don't know how to thank you/repay you** used to thank someone

25. **wouldn't you know (it)** used to say that something is not at all surprising:

I was told in no uncertain terms that Helen, wouldn't you know it, didn't approve.

26. **you don't know** used to emphasize how strong your feelings are:

You don't know how much I missed him.

27. **I wouldn't know** used to say that you do not know the answer to something and that you are not the person who would know

28. **what does somebody know?** used to say angrily that someone's opinion is wrong or that it is not important:

What does she know about relationships?

29. **how should I know?/how am I to know?/how do I know?** used to say that it is not reasonable to expect that you should know something:

'When will they be back?' 'How should I know?'

30. **how was I to know?/how did I know?** used as an excuse when something bad has happened:

How was I to know that the file was confidential?

31. **be not to know** **British English** used to say that you do not mind that someone has made a mistake because they could not have avoided it:

'Sorry, I didn't realize you had guests.' 'That's all right – you weren't to know.'

32. **I ought to know** used to emphasize that you know about something because you made it, experienced it etc:

'Are you sure there's no sugar in this coffee?' 'Of course. I ought to know – I made it!'

33. **for all I know** used to emphasize that you do not know something and say that it is not important to you:

I don't know where she is. She could have been kidnapped for all I know.

34. **not that I know of** used to say that you think the answer is 'no' but there may be facts that you do not know about:

'Did he call earlier?' 'Not that I know of.'

35. **Heaven/God/who/goodness knows!**

a) used to say that you do not know the answer to a question:

'Where do you think he's disappeared to this time?' 'God knows!'

Goodness knows why she didn't go herself.

b) used to emphasize a statement:

Goodness knows, I've never liked the woman, but I didn't know how bad it would be to work with her.

36. **knowing my luck** used to say that you expect something bad will happen because you are usually unlucky:

Knowing my luck, the train will be late.

37. **(well,) what do you know?** used to express surprise:

Well, what do you know? Look who's here!

38. **if you know what's good for you** used to tell someone that they should do something, or something bad will happen:

You'll keep your mouth shut about this if you know what's good for you!

39. **you know who/what** used to talk about someone or something without mentioning their name:

I saw you know who yesterday.

40. **there's no knowing** it is impossible to know:

There was no knowing who might have read the letter.

41. **let it be known/make it known (that)** *formal* to make sure that people know something, especially by getting someone else to tell them:

Farrar let it be known that he saw nothing wrong with the proposed solutions.

42. **not want to know** *British English informal* to not be interested in someone and what they want to say:

She'd approached several model agencies but they just didn't want to know.

43. **know the score** *informal* to understand a situation and all the good and bad features about it:

I knew the score before I started the job.

44. **not know what hit you** *informal* to feel shocked and confused because something happens when you are not expecting it to:

Poor man – I don't think he knew what hit him.

45. **know your place** used to say that someone understands that they are less important than other people – usually used humorously:

I know my place. I'll get back to the kitchen!

46. **know no bounds** *formal* if a feeling or quality knows no bounds, it is not limited in any way:

His enthusiasm knew no bounds.

47. **somebody knows best** used to say that someone should be obeyed or that their way of doing things should be accepted because they are experienced:

She always thinks she knows best.

I have always hated the attitude that 'the doctor knows best'.

48. **before you know it** used to say that something happens very quickly and when you are not expecting it:

You'll be home before you know it.

49. **know different/otherwise** *informal* to know that the opposite of something is true:

He told people he didn't care about her, but deep down he knew different.

50. **know your own mind** to be confident and have firm ideas about what you want and like

51. **you will be delighted/pleased etc to know (that)** *formal* used before you give someone information that they will be pleased to hear:

You will be pleased to know that we have accepted your offer.

52. **it's ... , Jim, but not as we know it** *informal humorous* used to say that something is completely different from what we would normally expect something of its type to be:

It's the blues, Jim, but not as we know it.

⇒ **the next thing I/she etc knew** at ↑next¹(6)

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THESAURUS

▪ **know** to recognize someone or something. **Know** is often used in everyday English instead of **recognize**: How do you know that it is real gold? | I **know** him from somewhere. | I can't remember his name, but I **know** his face.

▪ **can tell** to be able to recognize someone or something: I could tell that it was him by his voice. | Can you tell that it's not real leather? | It's difficult to be able to tell them apart (=to recognize that they are different).

II. **know**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

in the know *informal* having more information about something than most people:

People in the know say that interest rates will have to rise again soon.

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THESAURUS

▪ **sure** *adjective* believing that something is definitely true or correct: I'm sure that you're right. | 'The car was a BMW' 'Are you sure?' | I'm not sure what the best thing to do is.

▪ **certain** *adjective* completely sure. **Certain** is more formal than **sure**, and it is very commonly used in writing: The police were certain that they had found the killer. | I think he's married, but I'm not certain about it.

▪ **convinced** *adjective* sure that something is true, even though you cannot prove it: She became convinced that her boyfriend was seeing someone else. | Brown's wife was convinced of his innocence.

▪ **positive** *adjective especially spoken* completely sure that something is true, especially when other people are not sure: She said she was positive that the exam was next Tuesday. | I'm absolutely positive I haven't made a mistake.

▪ **satisfied** *adjective* sure that you know the truth about something that has happened, because you have enough information: The authorities are now satisfied that her death was an accident.

▪ **confident** *adjective* sure that something good will happen or that you will achieve something: Doctors are confident that he'll make a full recovery. | A spokesman said the government was confident of winning the vote.

▪ **have no doubt (also be in no doubt)** *verb phrase* to have no doubts in your mind about something: I have no doubt that his story is true. | He was in no doubt about what he should do next.

▪ **know** *verb* to have a strong feeling that something is true or correct: I just know that she will love this necklace. | When the phone rang, we knew something terrible must have happened.

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