

**obvious** *a*

- явный, очевидный; заметный  
obvious advantage - очевидное преимущество  
his embarrassment was obvious - он явно смутился
- 1) ясный, понятный, само собой разумеющийся  
an obvious meaning [intention] - ясное значение [намерение]  
for an obvious reason - по вполне понятной причине  
the obvious thing to do is to leave - ясно, что следует уйти  
2) банальный, тривиальный  
an obvious remark - трюизм  
the joke was coarse and obvious - шутка была грубая и банальная
- слишком явный, деланный; нарочитый  
his correctness of speech [politeness] was perhaps a little obvious - правильность его речи [его вежливость] казалась чуточку деланной /натянутой  
dress that appeared too obvious for these surroundings - платье, которое казалось неуместным в этой обстановке
- уст.* открытый, незащищённый  
smth. obvious to ridicule - предмет постоянных насмешек
- зоол.* яркий, чёткий (об окраске животного)  
an obvious stripe - яркая полоска

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ob-vi-ous** *AW BrE* ['ɒbvɪəs] *AmE* ['ɑːbvɪəs] *adj*

- ~ (to sb) (that...) easy to see or understand

**Syn:** ↑clear

- It was obvious to everyone that the child had been badly treated.
- It's obvious from what she said that something is wrong.
- I know you don't like her but try not to make it so obvious.
- He agreed with obvious pleasure.
- For obvious reasons**, I'd prefer not to give my name.
- The reasons for this decision were **not immediately obvious**.

- that most people would think of or agree to

- She was the obvious choice for the job.
- There's no obvious solution to the problem.
- This seemed the most obvious thing to do.

- (disapproving) not interesting, new or showing imagination; unnecessary because it is clear to everyone

- The ending was pretty obvious.
- I may be **stating the obvious** but without more money the project cannot survive

**Derived Word** ↑obviousness**Word Origin:**late 16th cent. (in the sense 'frequently encountered'): from Latin **obvius** (from the phrase **ob viam** 'in the way') + ↑-ous.**Thesaurus:****obvious** [obvious obviousness] *adj.*

1.

- It's obvious that something is wrong.

**clear** • • **plain** • • **apparent** • • **evident** • • **self-evident** • • **noticeable** • • **distinct** • • **definite** • • **conspicuous** • |especially written **marked** • • **pronounced** • |disapproving **blatant** • • **glaring** •

obvious/clear/plain/apparent/evident/self-evident/noticeable/conspicuous **to/in** sb/sthobvious/clear/plain/apparent/evident/self-evident/noticeable **from** sb/sthobvious/clear/plain/apparent/evident **who/how/where/why...****Obvious, clear or plain?** You make sth **clear** or **plain** deliberately, but you make sth **obvious** without meaning to:

- I hope I make myself clear/plain.

✗ I hope I make myself obvious:

- Try not to make your dislike so obvious.

✗ Try not to make it so clear/plain.

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- She was the obvious choice for the job.

**natural** • • **logical** • • **understandable** •obvious/natural/logical/understandable **that...**the obvious/natural/logical **thing to do/choice/solution/conclusion**the obvious/a natural/an understandable **temptation****Example Bank:**

- His manner made it obvious he didn't like her.
- I'm not going to tell Jim about this, for fairly obvious reasons.
- It is obvious to me that you're unhappy in your job.
- It soon became obvious that the machine did not work.

- It was becoming painfully obvious that the two of them had nothing in common.
- It was far from obvious how they were going to get off the island.
- It was immediately obvious that the bag was too heavy.
- The answer is perfectly obvious!
- The ineptitude of the government was all too obvious.
- The metaphor is so obvious that it's impossible to miss.
- 'What should we do?' 'It's obvious, isn't it?'
- For obvious reasons, I'd prefer not to give my name.
- He put his book down with obvious annoyance.
- I know you don't like her but try not to make it so obvious.
- It's obvious from what she said that something is wrong.
- It's obvious that she'd be upset.
- The reasons for this decision were not immediately obvious.
- The solution was obvious.
- There's an obvious question that no one has asked.

## obvious

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**ob**vious **S2 W2 AC** /'ɒbviəs \$ 'ɑːb-BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> adjective

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑obviousness; **adverb**: ↑obviously; **adjective**: ↑obvious]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: obvius, from obviam; ⇨ ↑obviate]

### 1. easy to notice or understand:

▪ The obvious way of reducing pollution is to use cars less.

#### it is obvious (that)

▪ It was obvious that Gina was lying.

#### obvious to

▪ It might be obvious to you, but it isn't to me.

### 2. behaving in a way that shows you want something very badly, when other people think this behaviour is not suitable:

▪ I know you really like him, but you don't have to be so obvious about it.

### 3. the/obvious choice the person or thing that you would expect everyone to choose:

▪ Teaching is an obvious choice of career if you like working with children.

### 4. the obvious thing (to do) what clearly seems the best thing to do:

▪ The obvious thing is to speak to her before you make a decision.

### 5. state the obvious to say something that is already obvious so it is not necessary to say it:

▪ It is stating the obvious, but regular measurement of blood pressure is essential in older people.

—obviousness **noun** [uncountable]

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **seem/appear obvious** It seems obvious to me that he is guilty.
- **sound obvious** This may sound obvious, but don't forget to put your name on your paper.
- **become obvious** It soon became obvious that the boy was not really interested.

### ■ nouns

- **an obvious reason** The plan, for obvious reasons, was being kept secret.
- **an obvious example** This case is an obvious example of what can go wrong.
- **an obvious question** The obvious question is: why?
- **the obvious answer** There is no obvious answer to their problem.

### ■ adverbs

- **glaringly/blindingly obvious** (=extremely obvious) The cause of her problems is glaringly obvious.
- **transparently/patently/blatantly obvious** (=clearly obvious) His interest in her was blatantly obvious.
- **painfully obvious** (=very obvious, and embarrassing or upsetting) It became painfully obvious that she and Edward had nothing in common.
- **immediately obvious** The cause of the pain was not immediately obvious.
- **fairly/quite obvious** (also **pretty obvious spoken**) There are some fairly obvious signs of a poor diet.

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## THESAURUS

- **obvious** something that is obvious is very easy to notice or understand – used especially when you are surprised that other people cannot notice it: There is an obvious connection between the two murders. | It was obvious that something was wrong.
- **clear** easy to notice that something is true, so that you feel sure about it and have no doubts: It was clear to me that my father was dying. | There are clear signs of an economic recovery.
- **noticeable** very easy to notice, especially because you can see, hear, smell, or feel something: Steroid drugs cause a noticeable change in someone's behaviour. | Road noise tends to be more noticeable in certain weather conditions.
- **conspicuous** very easy to notice, because of being different from things around them: a conspicuous white spot on the bird's wings | She tried to make herself look less conspicuous. | Don't leave your valuables in a conspicuous place.
- **unmistakable** extremely obvious, so that you cannot possibly confuse something with something else: the unmistakable sound of gunfire | The flower's scent is unmistakable.
- **self-evident** *formal* facts, ideas etc that are self-evident are obvious and true, although some people may not accept them or know about them: The facts in this case are self-evident and cannot be denied. | We hold these truths to be self-evident (=we believe that they are obvious and true – from the American Declaration of Independence).
- **blatant** use this about something that someone does which is clearly bad, but which they do not seem to be ashamed of: a

blatant lie | The bill is a blatant attempt to limit our right to free speech.

- **can tell** to know that something must be true because you can see signs that show this: Even though it was dark, she could tell it was him. | How can you tell if you've broken your arm?

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