

Phrases

NOT AWARE OF STH / NOT KNOWING ABOUT STH

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Unbeknownst / unbeknown to sb

without someone knowing:

- Unbeknownst to me, he had rented out the apartment while I was away.

Be unaware that/of:

not understanding or realizing sth

- He was unaware that the police were watching him.
- I was completely unaware of the problem.

in the dark about sth (idiom):

to not know about something that other people know about

- We are still very much in the dark about how the money was lost.
- College officials were kept in the dark about the investigation.

Be unconscious of something :

to not be aware of something

- They were quite unconscious of their presence in the room.

Be unacquainted with :

without knowledge of something unacquainted with:

- I'm afraid I'm unacquainted with his work.

Do sth unknowingly: in a way that is not conscious of a particular situation or problem:

- Several drivers unknowingly parked in the wrong place.
- I found I had unknowingly bought stolen property.

Be ignorant of / about : not knowing sth that you need to know or should know.

- I was ignorant of the terms used in business.
- I am totally ignorant about Chinese history.

Be uninformed about : not knowing much or having much information about something:

- For a journalist, he seems surprisingly uninformed about what is happening in the news.
- Voters are surprisingly uninformed about the candidates' positions on major issues.

Be clueless about: having no knowledge of something or of things in general:

- Most modern men are clueless about cars.

Be oblivious of /to : not conscious of something, especially what is happening around you:

- Absorbed in her work, she was totally oblivious of her surroundings.
- The mayor seems oblivious to the likely effects of the new legislation.

Unsuspecting : not realizing there is any danger or harm:

- The killer lured his unsuspecting victims back to his apartment.
- They were accused of selling stolen bikes to unsuspecting customers.

Be unfamiliar with: have no knowledge or experience of sth:

- Many older people are unfamiliar with computers.

Be unfamiliar to sb: sb has no knowledge or experience of sth:

- The rules of the game are quite unfamiliar to most people.