knowledge

1 Verb + knowledge

Use the correct form of these verbs:

broaden *deny* *live with*
provide *use* *have*

1. He claims that he knew nothing about the decision to sell the land cheaply to a private developer. He ..... all knowledge of the affair.
2. This small booklet ..... background knowledge to the school.
3. The best way to ..... your knowledge of world affairs is to read a good newspaper every day.
4. He has a serious heart condition. I don't know how he manages to ..... the knowledge that he might have a heart attack at any moment.
5. An occasion may arise when you can ..... your knowledge of French. You never know when it might come in handy.
6. Many of these students do not ..... much knowledge of the history of their own country.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

prior *working* *common* *general*

1. You didn't know that Sue and Bill were having an affair? But we've all known about it for months now. It's been ..... knowledge for ages!
2. We're looking for someone with a good ..... knowledge of information systems.
3. How good is your ..... knowledge?
4. Do I need any previous knowledge of computing in order to join the course?
   > No, it's an introductory course and requires no ..... knowledge whatsoever.

wide *basic* *full* *specialist*

5. With a..... knowledge of Italian you should be able to order a meal in a restaurant in Rome.
6. Through years of study he has acquired a ..... knowledge of painting and music.
7. It needs ..... knowledge to repair most electronic equipment.
8. The documentary about the Royals was made with the King's ..... knowledge and approval.

3 Useful expressions

Match each expression with its meaning:

1. To my knowledge, no one knew what Robert was planning.
2. Has he resigned?
   > Not to my knowledge.
3. I was annoyed when he took the car without my knowledge.
4. With our alarms you can go out, secure in the knowledge that your house is safe.

a. confident
b. as far as I know
c. I didn't know
d. not as far as I know

Now use the expressions in these sentences:

5. I don't think Desmond has applied for the job – at least .....!
6. I think we can all sleep safely in our beds tonight, ... that the killer is now behind bars.
7. If I find out that someone used my computer ....., I won't rest till I find out who it was.

Notes

1. In 1-3 'expand' is also possible.
   In 3-1 we can also say 'to the best of my knowledge'.
2. Enough knowledge to do something is described as 'background or working knowledge':
   You don't need to be an expert, but we do expect you to have a good working knowledge of spreadsheets.
3. Note how we describe having a lot of knowledge of something:
   An in-depth knowledge of databases is not necessary as training will be given.
   As a policeman you should possess detailed knowledge of certain aspects of the law.
   The Prime Minister's personal secretary has an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the government.
4. Note how we say somebody knows more than anybody else about something:
   His knowledge of Scottish football is unrivalled.
5. A 'general knowledge quiz' is a competition with questions on a very wide range of topics.

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