

WORD POWER! LEARN THAT WORD

“Nauseous,” “Nauseated,” OR “Nauseating”



If you're not feeling well, are you feeling **nauseous** or **nauseated**?

Study these two sentences:

- Your cologne makes me **nauseous**.
- Your cologne makes me **nauseated**.

Which sentence is correct? *The answer is, Both!*

Nauseous /'nɔ:siəs, 'nɔ:ziəs/ Adj.
affected with nausea; feeling inclined to vomit.

Nauseate /'nɔ:siət, 'nɔ:ziət/ verb.
affect with nausea.

Nauseating /'nɔ:ziətiŋ/ Adj.
causing or liable to cause a feeling of nausea or disgust; disgusting.

It is perfectly fine to use both of these words, **nauseous** and **nauseated** in the same way, that is, to refer to the condition of feeling sick.

Check out a couple of examples below.

- After getting the flu, I felt **nauseated** day in and day out.
- Looking at the slice of moldy bread made me feel **nauseous**.

*As you can see, the words can be used in exactly the same way. In fact, even newspapers use **nauseous** and **nauseated** the same way nowadays, so you really don't have to worry about mixing them up.*



Add to your Lexicon!

All these words are synonyms to the word **nauseate**. Study each using your dictionary and impress your teachers in your next essay!

**repulsive sickening stomach-turning sickly
stomach-churning nauseous gut-churning
revolting disgusting emetic repulsive odious
repellent repugnant loathsome appalling
offensive abhorrent abominable vomitous
nasty sick-making foul godawful vile gross
ghastly putrid horrid yucky beastly bogging
noisome disgusting loathly obnoxious**