

## Word of the Day – Contagious

### Transcript

Hi, everyone my name is Paul Yi. Welcome to Word of the Day Practicast. Today's word is **contagious**. The meaning of contagious is having something that is spreading very quickly. I picked this word because you can use it for many things. Originally for medical terms, you can use it for colds and flues. You can also use it for people's habits. Also finally you can use it for business, which will make you sound very good. So for the first example I'd like to use is the flu. So, if you see someone coughing without using their hand over their mouth, you can say, **"Please put your hand over your mouth. You know that the flue is contagious. The flu spreads very easily from mouth to mouth and through the air."**

The second is for personal relations. You can use it for yawning for laughing. So when someone is laughing and you're laughing too, and it's spreading to everyone else you can say, **"You're laughter is contagious."** Or when someone is yawning and it makes you sleepy you can say, **"Ah stop it. Your yawning is contagious."** You can also use it for negative behavior and positive behavior too. So if a student is in a class and he's studying very well and you see that everybody else is looking at that kid and he's studying even better, you can say, **"Your good behavior is contagious."**

Now if you want to go into the business room and use this you can use it for trends such as sales, profits, or even stocks. You can say something like if something about fear. For example, when everyone is selling their stock because there is fear that the stock that will go down. Everybody's fear is so contagious that everyone is selling their stocks. Or it can be a lack of confidence. For example, when a restaurant has food poisoning and that restaurant has a chain of stores. So people would say, **"People aren't coming to the restaurant anymore because their fear is contagious."** So if you have any questions about this word please send an email to Practicus, and there will be a transcript online. Thank you.