

nettle

1. [netl] *n*

- 1. *бom.* крапива (*Urtica gen.*)
- 2. источник раздражения
the noise is a constant nettle - этот вечный шум просто невыносим
◇ to be on nettles - ≅ сидеть как на иголках /как на угольях/
to grasp the nettle - решительно браться за трудное дело
grasp the nettle and it won't sting you - *пocл.* ≅ отвага - половина спасения

2. ['netl] *v*

- 1. 1) обжигать крапивой
he nettled himself - он обжёгся крапивой /обстрекался/
- 2) жечься (о растениях, медузах)
- 3) сечь крапивой
- 2. раздражать, уязвлять; злить, сердить
nettled by /with/ smth. - раздражённый чем-л.
her indifference nettled him - её равнодушие укололо его

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net-tle [nettle nettles nettled nettling] *noun, verb* *BrE* ['netl] ⁴ *NAmE* ['netl] ⁴
noun (also 'stinging nettle')

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a wild plant with leaves that have pointed edges, are covered in fine hairs and sting if you touch them

see grasp the nettle **at** ↑grasp *v.*

Word Origin:

Old English netle, netele, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *netel* and German *Nessel*. The verb dates from late Middle English.

Example Bank:

- The butterflies lay their eggs on nettles.
- The nettles had spread and now covered half the garden.
- There was an old car half buried in the nettles.

verb usually passive ~ sb | it nettles sb that... (informal, especially BrE)

to make sb slightly angry

Syn: ↑annoy

- My remarks clearly nettled her.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	nettle
	BrE / 'netl/
	NAmE / 'netl/
he / she / it	nettles
	BrE / 'netlz/
	NAmE / 'netlz/
past simple, past participle	nettled
	BrE / 'netld/
	NAmE / 'netld/
-ing form	nettling
	BrE / 'netlɪŋ/
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See also: ↑stinging nettle

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1. **net-tle** ¹ /'netl/ *BrE* ⁴ *AmE* ⁴ (also **stinging nettle**) *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: netel]

a wild plant with rough leaves that sting you

⇒ **grasp the nettle** at ↑grasp¹(4), ⇒ ↑stinging nettle

ii. **nettle**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb*
be nettled (by something) *informal* to be annoyed by what someone says or does:
" She was nettled by Holman's remark.

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