

Hyphenated adjectives

Ex:

The boy drank some
(hyphenated adj.)
ice-cold water.

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

A: Will you please read the sentence?

B: *The boy drank some ice-cold water.*

A: Is *ice-cold* hyphenated?

B: It sure is.

A: Can you explain why?

B: I can. The words are acting like one single adjective, describing the water. It wasn't just ice, and it wasn't just cold, it was ice-cold.

A: That's a good explanation.

B: Thank you.

