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cold ❄️ (kôld)

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adj. **cold·er, cold·est**

1.
 - a. Having a low temperature: *cold water*.
 - b. Being at a temperature that is less than what is required or what is normal: *cold oatmeal*.
 - c. Chilled by refrigeration or ice: *cold beer*.
 2.
 - a. Feeling no warmth; uncomfortably chilled: *We were cold sitting by the drafty windows*.
 - b. Appearing to be dead; unconscious: *found him out cold on the floor*.
 - c. Dead: *was cold in his grave*.
 3. Lacking emotion; objective: *cold logic*.
 4.
 - a. Having little appeal to the senses or feelings: *a cold decor*.
 - b. Designating or being in a tone or color, such as pale gray, that suggests little warmth.
 5.
 - a. Not affectionate or friendly; aloof: *a cold person; a cold nod*.
 - b. Exhibiting or feeling no enthusiasm: *a cold audience; a cold response to the new play; a concert that left me cold*.
 - c. Devoid of sexual desire; frigid.
 6. Having lost all freshness or vividness through passage of time: *dogs attempting to catch a cold scent*.
 7. So intense as to be almost uncontrollable: *cold fury*.
 8. Characterized by repeated failure, especially in a sport or competitive activity: *The team fell into a slump of cold shooting*.
- adv.*
1. To an unqualified degree; totally: *was cold sober*.
 2. With complete finality: *We turned him down cold*.
 3. Without advance preparation or introduction: *took the exam cold and passed; walked in cold and got the new job*.
- n.*
1.
 - a. Relative lack of warmth: *Cold slows down chemical reactions*.
 - b. The sensation resulting from lack of warmth; chill.
 2. A condition of low air temperature; cold weather: *went out into the cold and got a chill*.
 3. A viral infection characterized by inflammation of the mucous membranes lining the upper respiratory passages and usually accompanied by malaise, fever, chills, coughing, and sneezing. Also called *common cold*, *coryza*.

Idiom:

out in the cold

Lacking benefits given to others; neglected.

[Middle English, from Old English *ceald*; see **gel-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cold *ly adv.*

cold *ness n.*

Synonyms: cold, arctic, chilly, cool, frigid, frosty, gelid, glacial, icy

These adjectives mean marked by a low or an extremely low temperature: *cold air; an arctic climate; a chilly day; cool water; a frigid room; a frosty morning; gelid seas; glacial winds; icy hands*.

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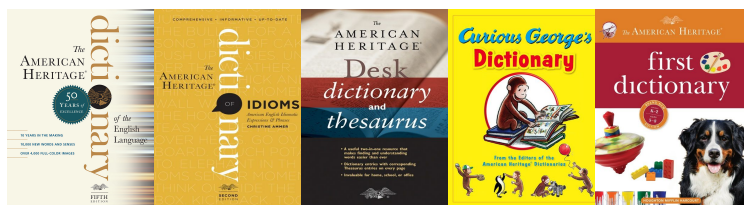
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