

English Ladder

Teaching Guide

"Cold" Explanations

A concise classroom guide with lesson flow, teaching cues, and a ready-to-use answer key built around the same English Ladder concept sheet.



Grammar Concepts #42

Example 1: Laptop

Example 2: Oshibori

Summary of Key Grammar Points

Visual anchor

Use the concept poster to spotlight the main language pattern in "Cold" Explanations and keep the explanation visible during practice and discussion.

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Concept #42 ▶ "Cold" Explanations

When introducing a concept completely unknown to others, following the outline on the right is very useful. Two examples are found below.

- **General Domain**
- **Definition**
- **Examples**
- **Extra Information**

▶ **Laptop** | A laptop is a type of computer. It is a small computer that is portable enough to use on your lap. Apple and Sony produce many types and sizes of laptops. Laptops have internal batteries, so they do not need to be constantly plugged into a power source. They are often used by office workers in coffee shops.

▶ **Oshibori** | An oshibori is a wet towel found in Japanese eating establishments. It is a white wet towel typically provided to bar or restaurant customers to wash their hands before eating. Some oshibori are made of cotton, while other disposable oshibori are made of less expensive materials. They often come in thin plastic packages, and they may be scented or contain alcohol for optimal cleaning. The oshibori provided are normally cool in summer and hot in winter. They should be used to clean only your hands. After using an oshibori, you can simply fold it neatly and place it to the side.



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At a Glance

<p>Lesson focus "Cold" Explanations</p>	<p>Suggested timing 45-60 minutes</p>
<p>Core objective Students explain the target pattern clearly and apply it accurately in controlled practice and discussion.</p>	<p>Materials Student PDF, the concept image, board space, and time for partner checking.</p>

Suggested Lesson Flow

Warm-up	Display the concept image and ask learners to predict the rule behind " Cold " Explanations before reading the explanation.
Model	Walk through the Core Idea and the sections on Example 1: Laptop, Example 2: Oshibori, Summary of Key Grammar Points. Pause after each part so students can restate the pattern in plain English.
Guided practice	Project two or three examples from the concept sheet and ask pairs to explain why each choice works, not just what the answer is.
Independent work	Use the examples on the concept sheet for quick written or oral checks.
Closure	Ask students to create one new sentence or mini-example of their own that follows the same pattern. If time allows, finish with one of the built-in dialogue or showcase cards.



Likely Learner Errors

- Learners may overgeneralize the first pattern they notice. Keep returning to **Example 1: Laptop**, **Example 2: Oshibori**, **Summary of Key Grammar Points** and ask students to explain what changes from one example to the next.
- Long explanations can hide the signal word or structure. Have students underline the exact phrase that tells them which form, pattern, or response is needed.
- If students can choose an answer but cannot explain it, ask them to justify their choice using words taken directly from the concept sheet.

Differentiation and Delivery Notes

- Support: teach one section at a time, then send students back to **Examples** or the practice set so they can apply the same rule immediately.
- Pair work: let students compare answers aloud before you reveal the key. The explanation step is as important as the final answer.
- Extension: ask stronger students to write two fresh examples or a short dialogue that uses the same target language accurately.

Model Language from the Concept Sheet

- "A laptop is a type of computer."
- "It is a small computer that is portable enough to use on your lap."
- "Apple and Sony produce many types and sizes of laptops."
- Extra Information: Sentences: "Laptops have internal batteries, so they do not need to be constantly plugged into a power source...."
- "An oshibori is a wet towel found in Japanese eating establishments."
- "It is a white wet towel typically provided to bar or restaurant customers to wash their hands before eating."



Dialogue or Showcase Ideas

- "Cold" Explanations
- Tablet |
- Thermos |
- E-book |



Answer Key

Use this key for whole-class feedback or fast marking.

No practice items were available on this page.