

Step 1: Recognising Hyphens to Avoid Ambiguity

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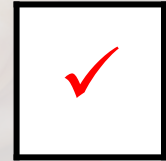
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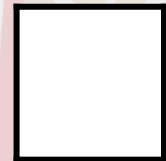
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False, refreshed does not need a hyphen.

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React means to respond to something.

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**A heavy-metal detector describes a detector for heavy metal.
A heavy metal detector describes the weight of the detector.**

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Various possible answers, for example:

She had a twenty-four hour period to re-mark all the tests.