

# ～が ほしいです

I want [Item]



The 'Gimme' Magnet (物欲の磁石)

# Wanting a ‘Thing’ (Not an Action)

**Tabe-tai**  
(Want to do)



**Hoshii (Want Item)**  
(Want to have)



Careful! ‘Tai’ is for actions (I want to eat). ‘Hoshii’ is for objects (I want a car). If you say ‘Sushi ga hoshii’, it means you want the sushi itself, maybe to own it!

# Target GA Hoshi-i

[ Watashi wa ]  
(Me)

[ GA ]



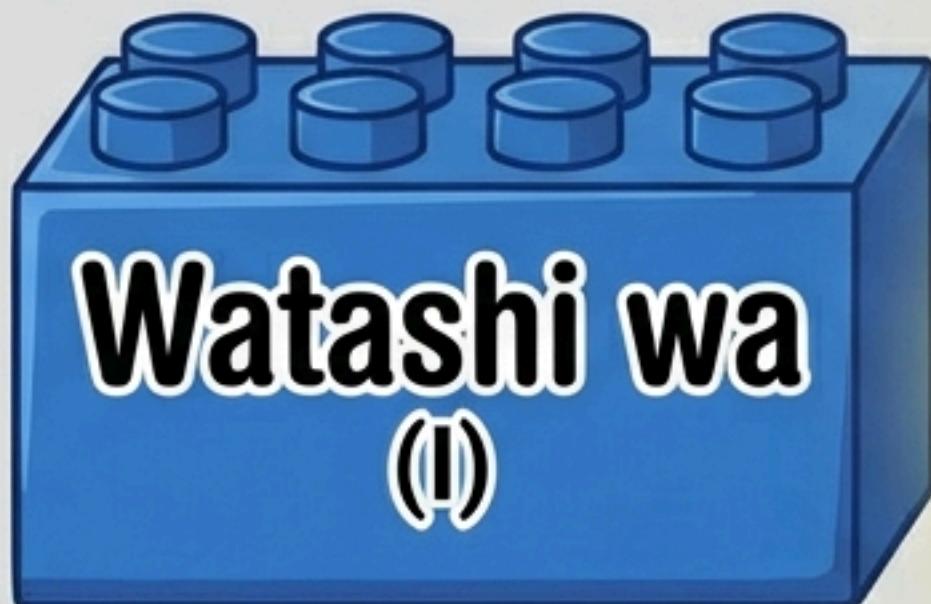
[ Hoshi-i ]



Just like 'Suki', 'Hoshii' is an Adjective. It means 'Desirable'. So we use 'GA' to mark the object we desire. 'Kuruma ga hoshii' literally means 'To me, a car is desirable'.

# Constructing 'Hoshii desu' Sentences

Building blocks for expressing desire



私は お金が ほしいです。

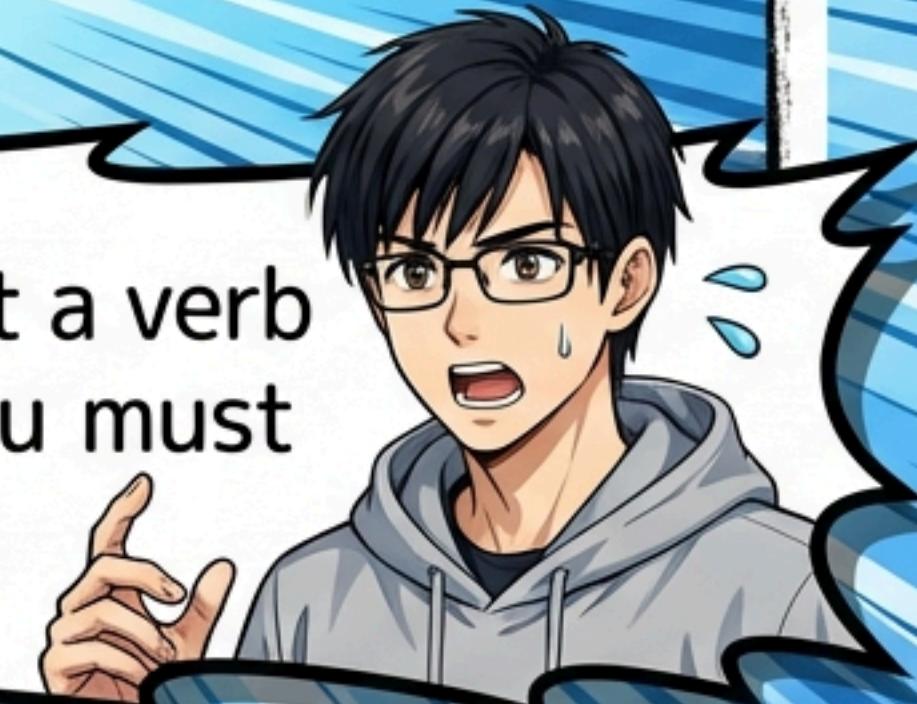
(I want money.)



# **X Soccer O hoshii**



Wrong particle! 'Hoshii' is an adjective, not a verb like 'buy' or 'eat'. You cannot use 'O'. You must use GA to mark the target of your desire.





**Want Thing:** [Item] **ga** hoshii desu.

**Don't Want:** Hoshi-kunai desu. (i-Adjective rule!)

**Want to Do:** [Verb]-tai desu.