

～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]

A green cartoon crocodile is shown from a side profile, facing right. It has a small green heart above its head. There are several pink hearts and yellow stars around it, suggesting a positive or desirable state.

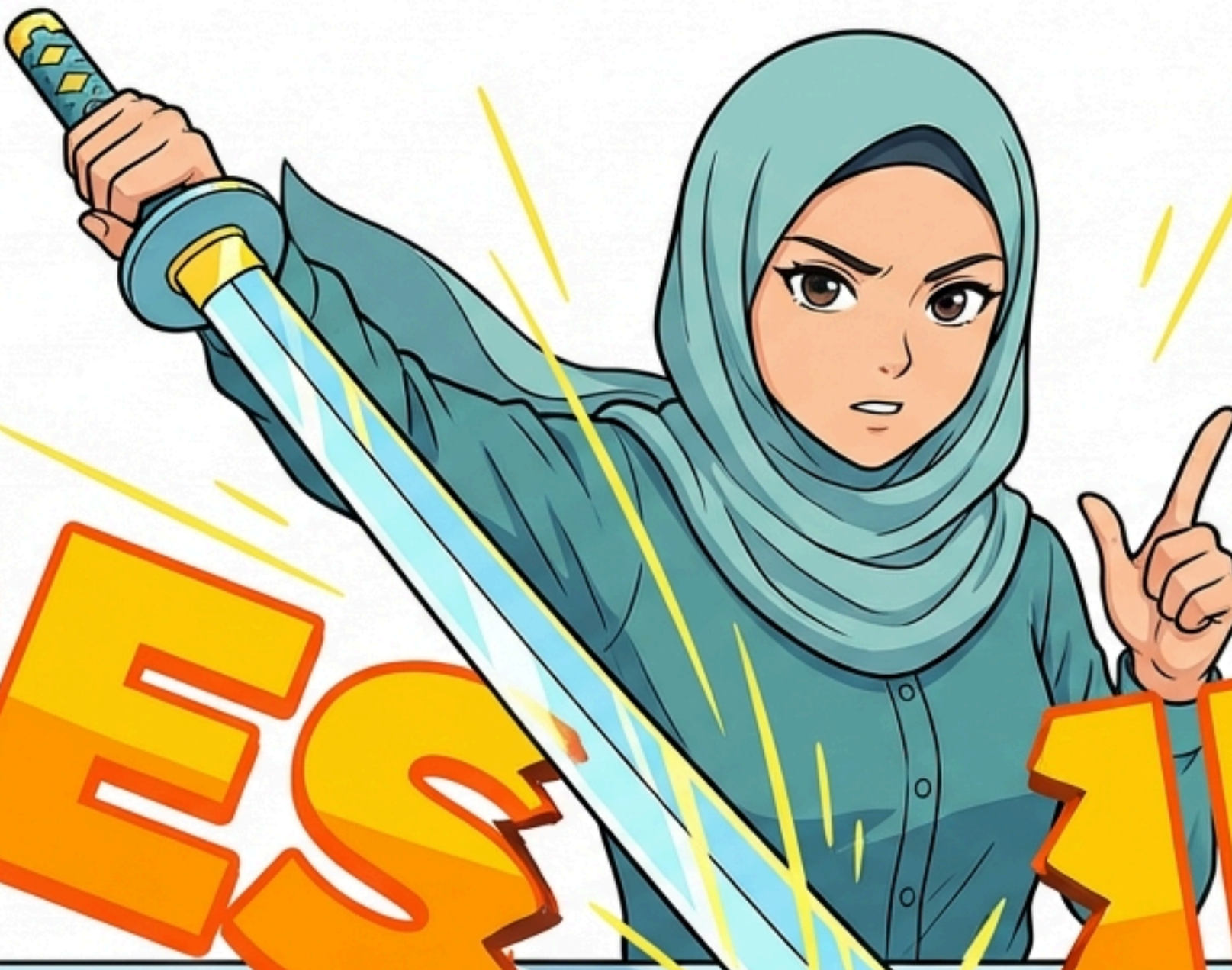
Just like 'Suki', 'Hoshii' is an Adjective. It means 'Desirable'. So we use 'GA' to mark the object we desire. 'Kuruma ga hoshii' literally means 'To me, a car is desirable'.

Constructing 'Hoshii desu' Sentences

Building blocks for expressing desire



私はお金がほしいです。
(I want money.)



Don't mix them up!
You cannot say
"Coffee o nomu ga hoshii".
That's illegal!

DESSERTS

Verb Stem + **Tai** (Actions)

Noun + **Hoshii** (Things)

Action = Tai / Thing = Hoshii

~~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.