

～たことが あります

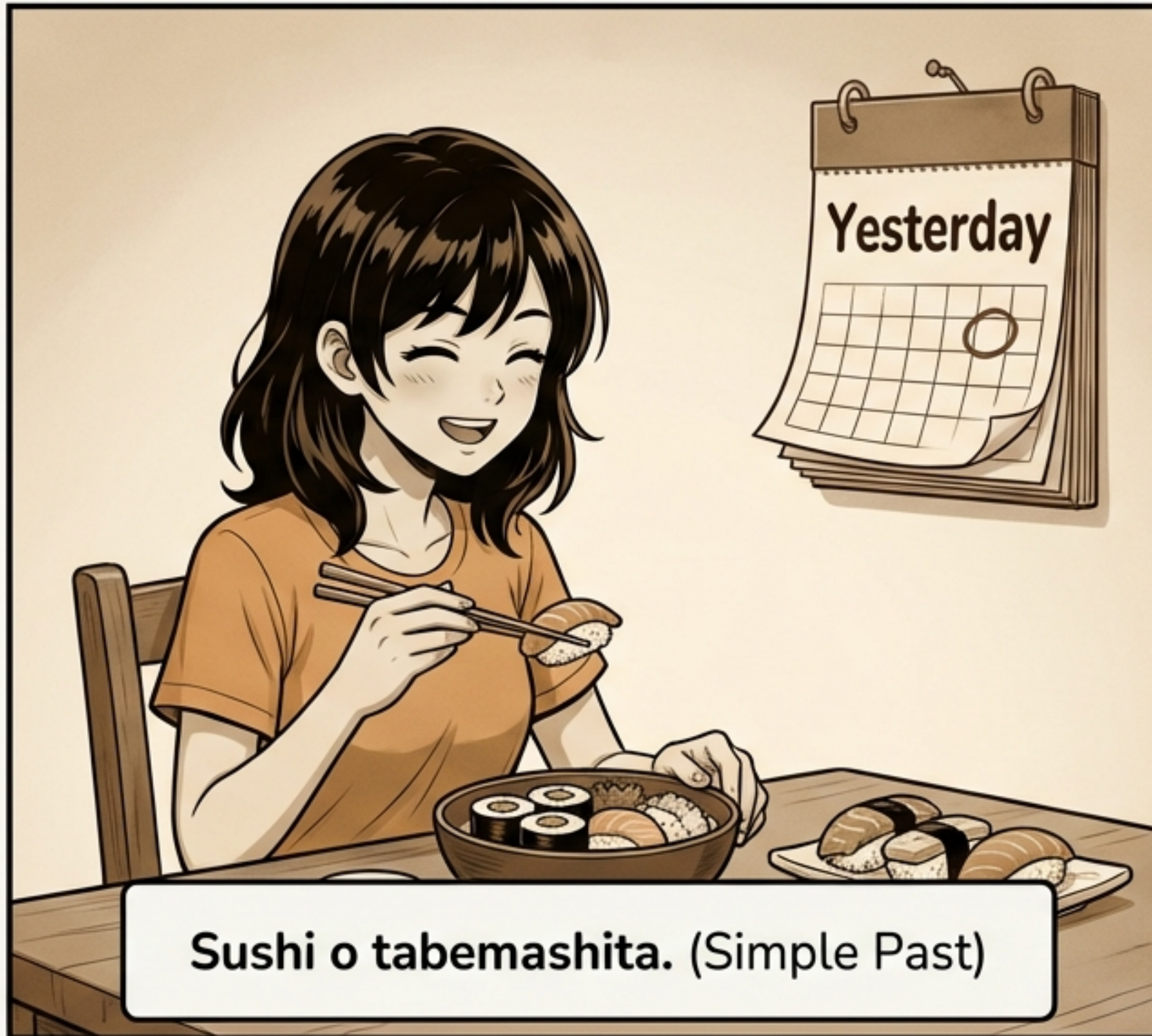
The Memory Box
(思い出の箱)

I want to
talk about
things
I've done
in my life!

Then let's
open your
Memory
Box.

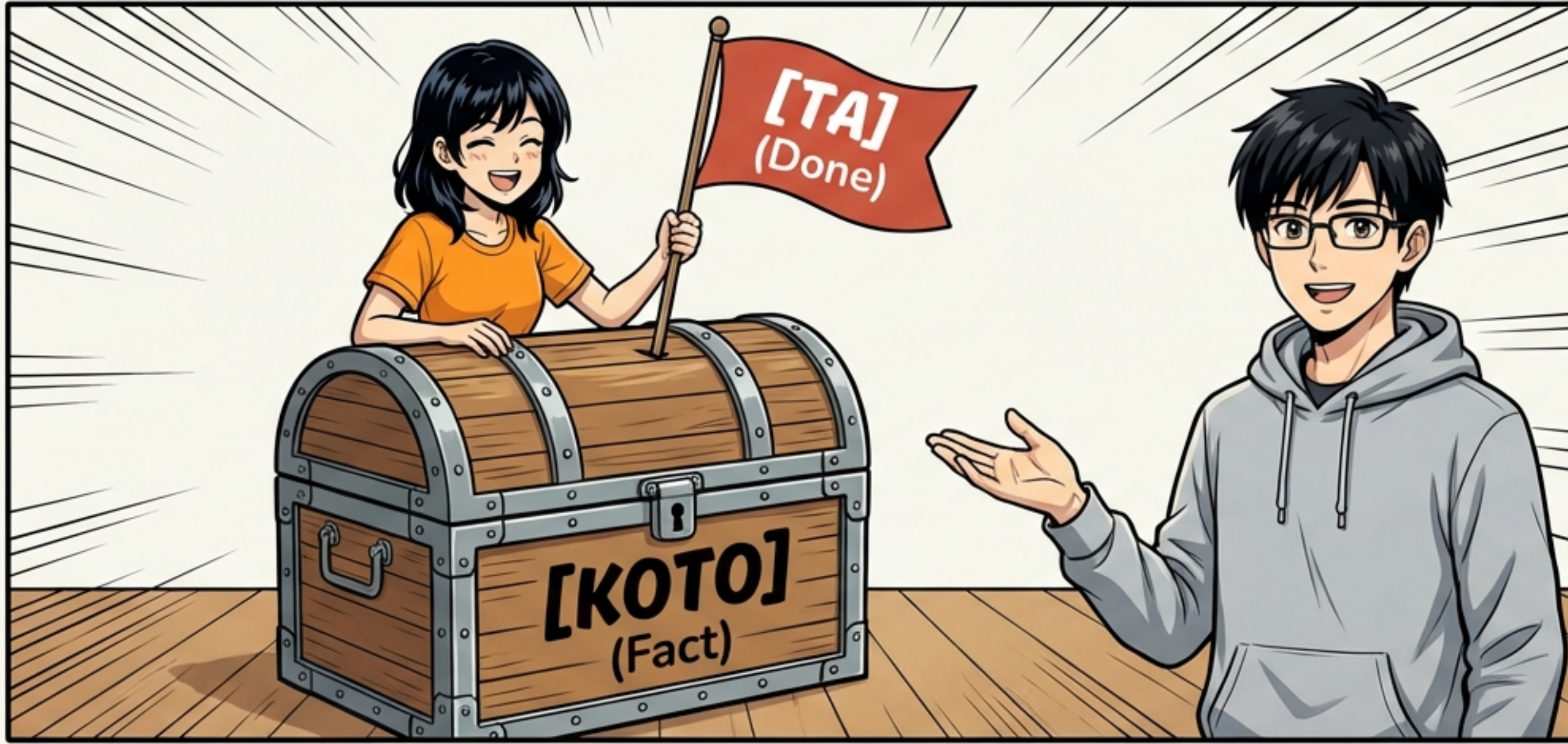


Yesterday vs. Life History



The simple past (Tabemashita) is for specific times like yesterday.
~Ta koto ga arimasu is for your entire life history. It asks: "Is this experience in your memory box?"

The Logic: “I possess the fact of having done.”

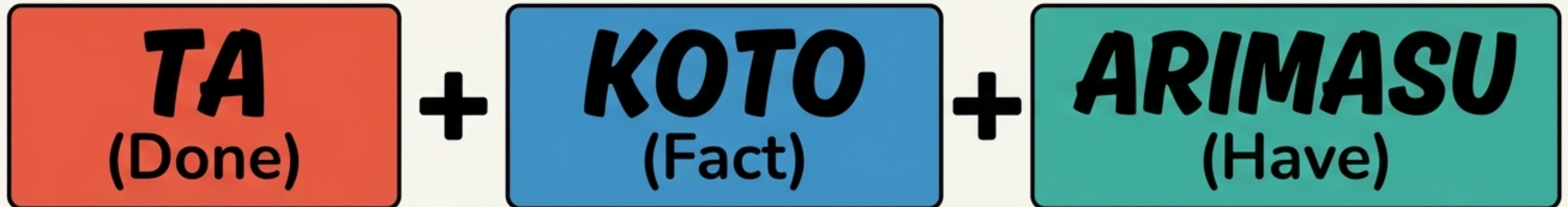


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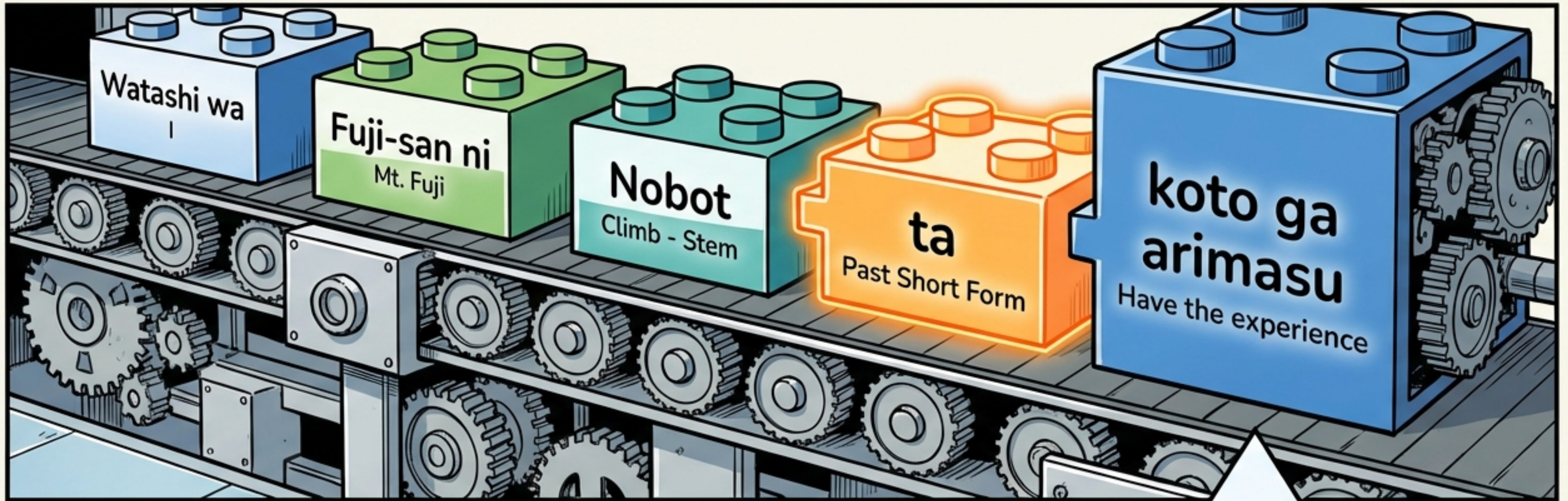
TA is the completed action.

KOTO turns that action into a **noun** (a fact).

ARIMASU means you **possess** it.



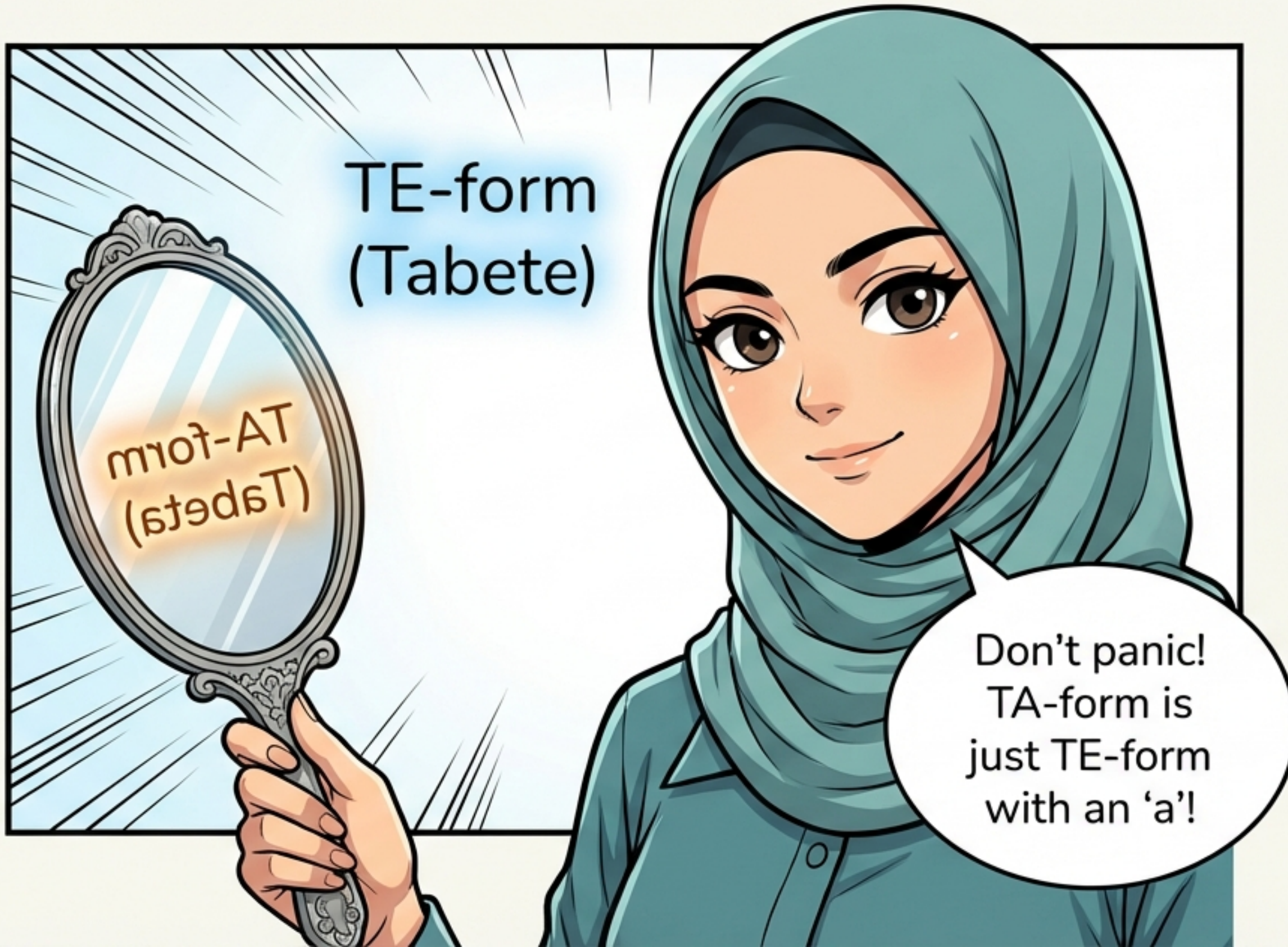
Sentence Build



私は 富士山に 登った ことがあります。

I have climbed Mt. Fuji.

Raya's Hack: The Mirror Trick

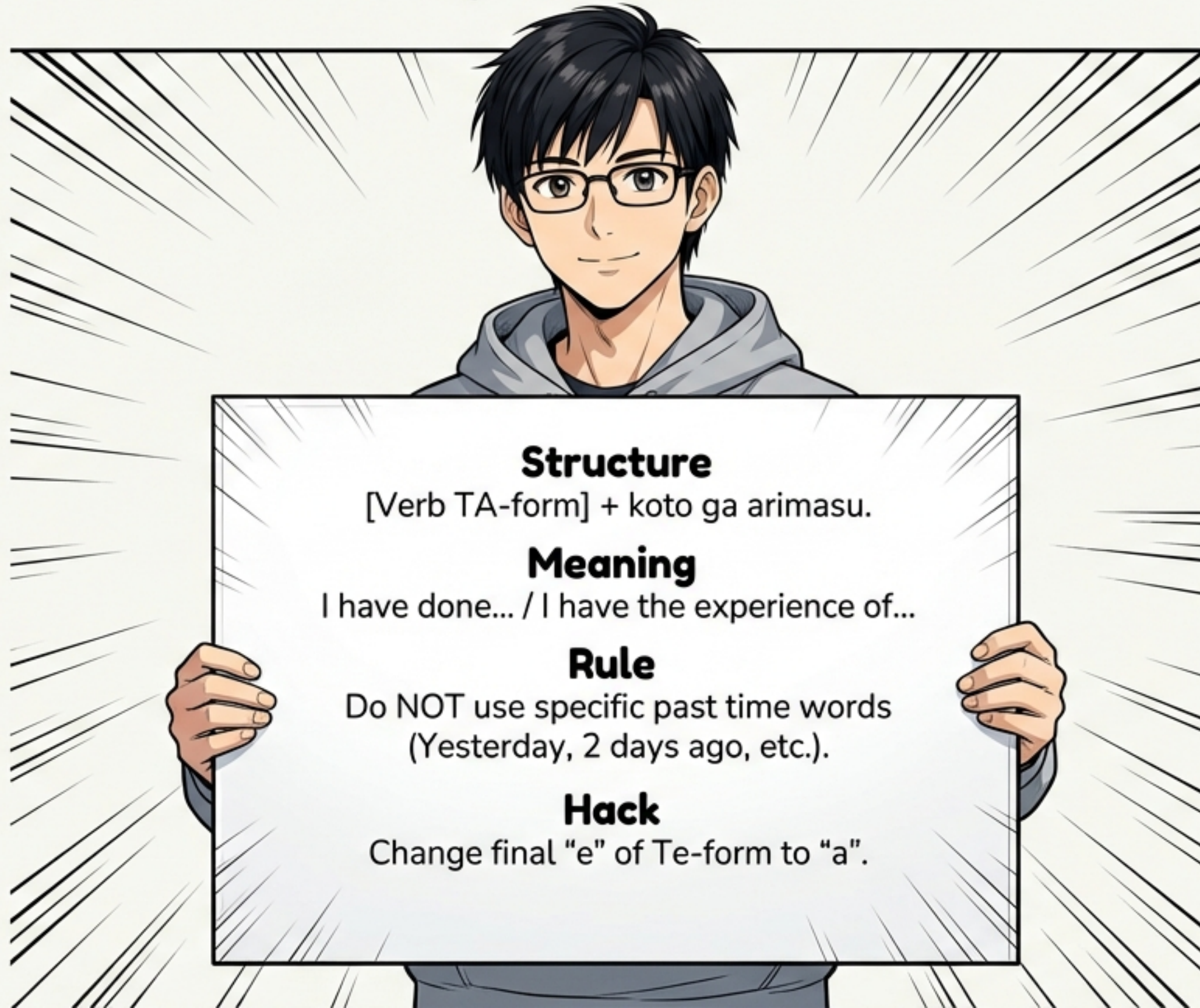


Data Table
Te ➡ Ta
De ➡ Da
Example 1: Tabete ➡ Tabeta
Example 2: Nonde ➡ Nonda
Example 3: Itte ➡ Itta

DON'T DO THIS!



Summary Cheat Sheet



Structure

[Verb TA-form] + koto ga arimasu.

Meaning

I have done... / I have the experience of...

Rule

Do NOT use specific past time words
(Yesterday, 2 days ago, etc.).

Hack

Change final "e" of Te-form to "a".