

~たほうが
いいです

Advice: The Doctor's Order

Time for a
check-up!



Bad Idea



Option B
is Better!

Literally, 'Hou' (方) means 'Side' or 'Option'.

'Ii' means 'Good'.

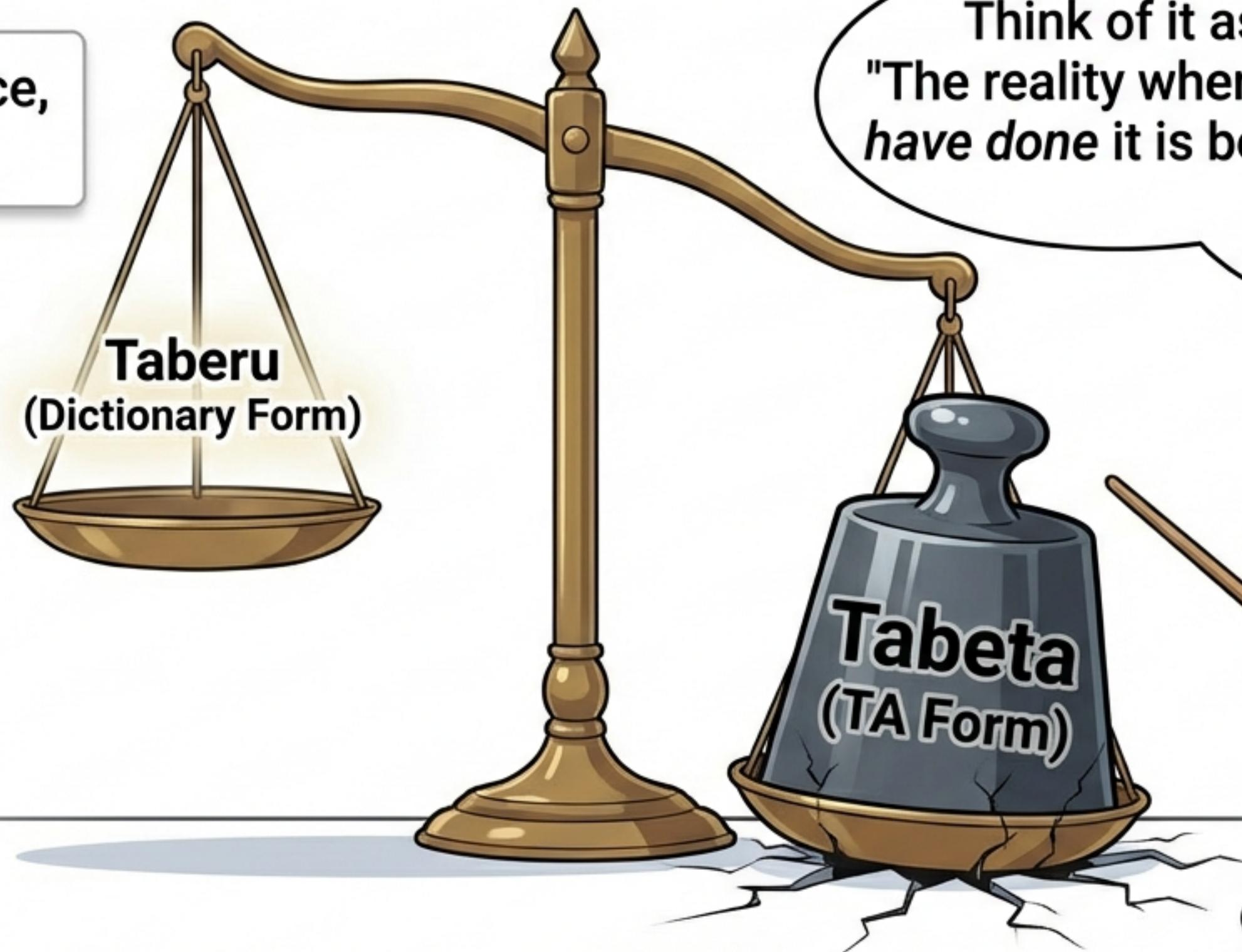
So: 'Ta hou ga ii' = 'The side where you DID it is good.'

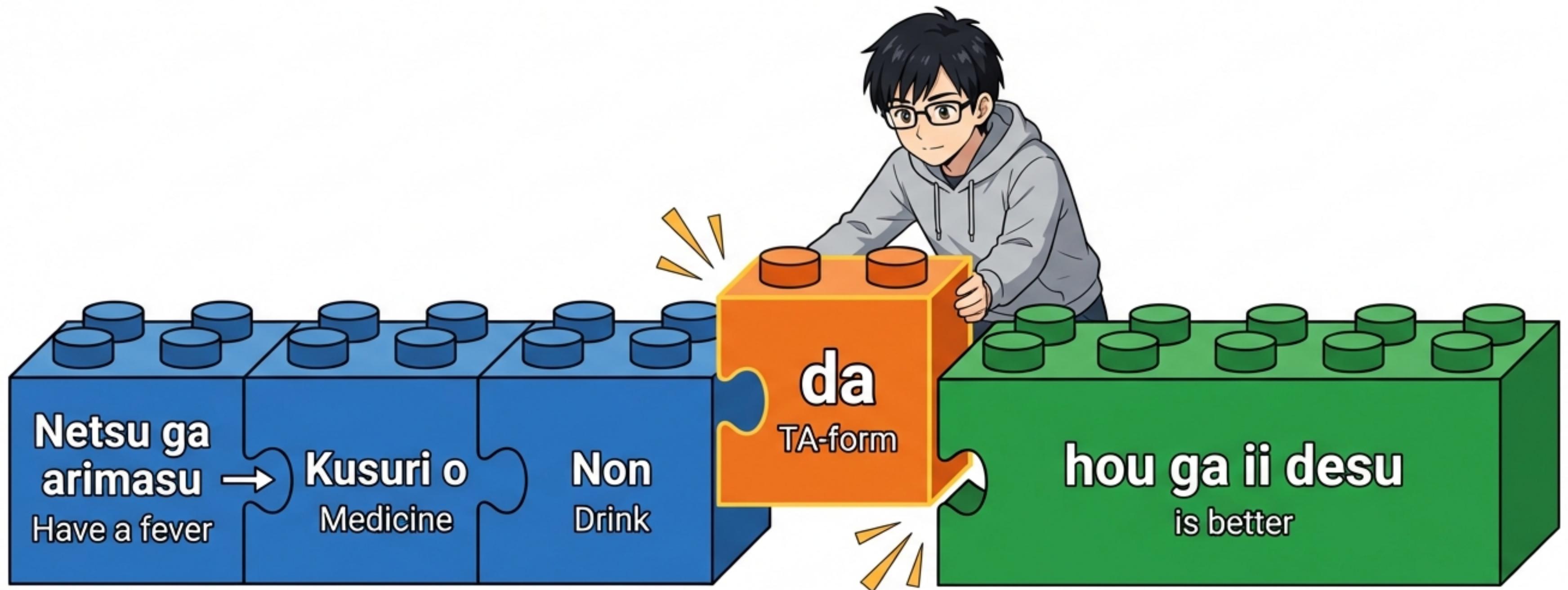


Better Idea

The TA-form carries the weight!

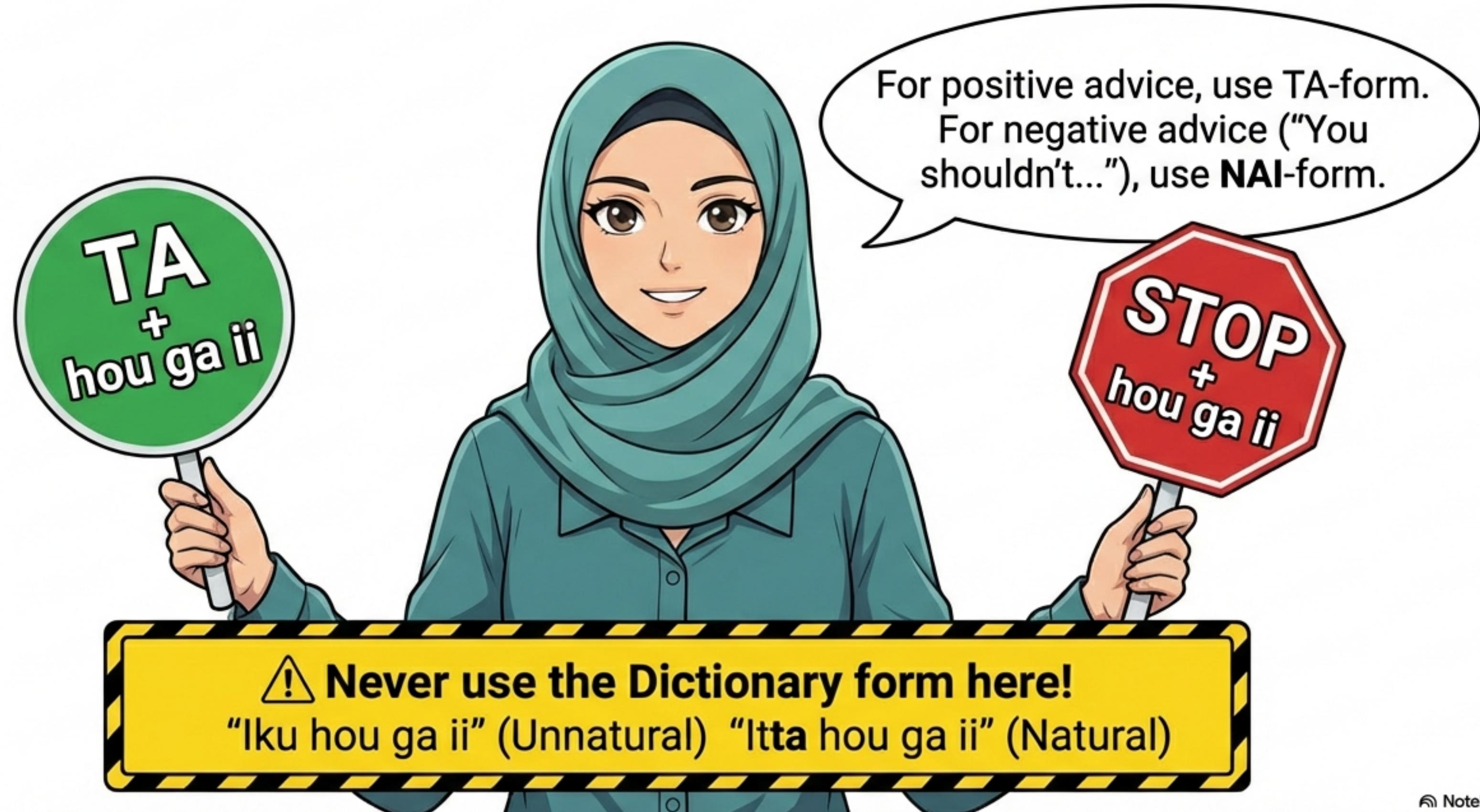
Even for future advice,
use the Past Tense.





薬を飲んだほうがいいです。
(You had better take medicine.)

Raya's Hack: TA for Yes / NAI for No.



Don't do this! X



Taberu hou
ga ii...!



× 食べる ほうが いいです
(Taberu hou ga ii desu)



Stop!

“Taberu hou ga ii” sounds like a general comparison.

For specific advice to a person, you MUST say “Tabe*ta** hou ga ii”!

Advice (~たほうがいい)

Do it:

[Verb **TA**] + hou ga ii desu.

Don't do it:

[Verb **NAI**] + hou ga ii desu.

Meaning: You'd better... / You should...

