

～前に / ～後で

Before / After (The Timeline Jump)

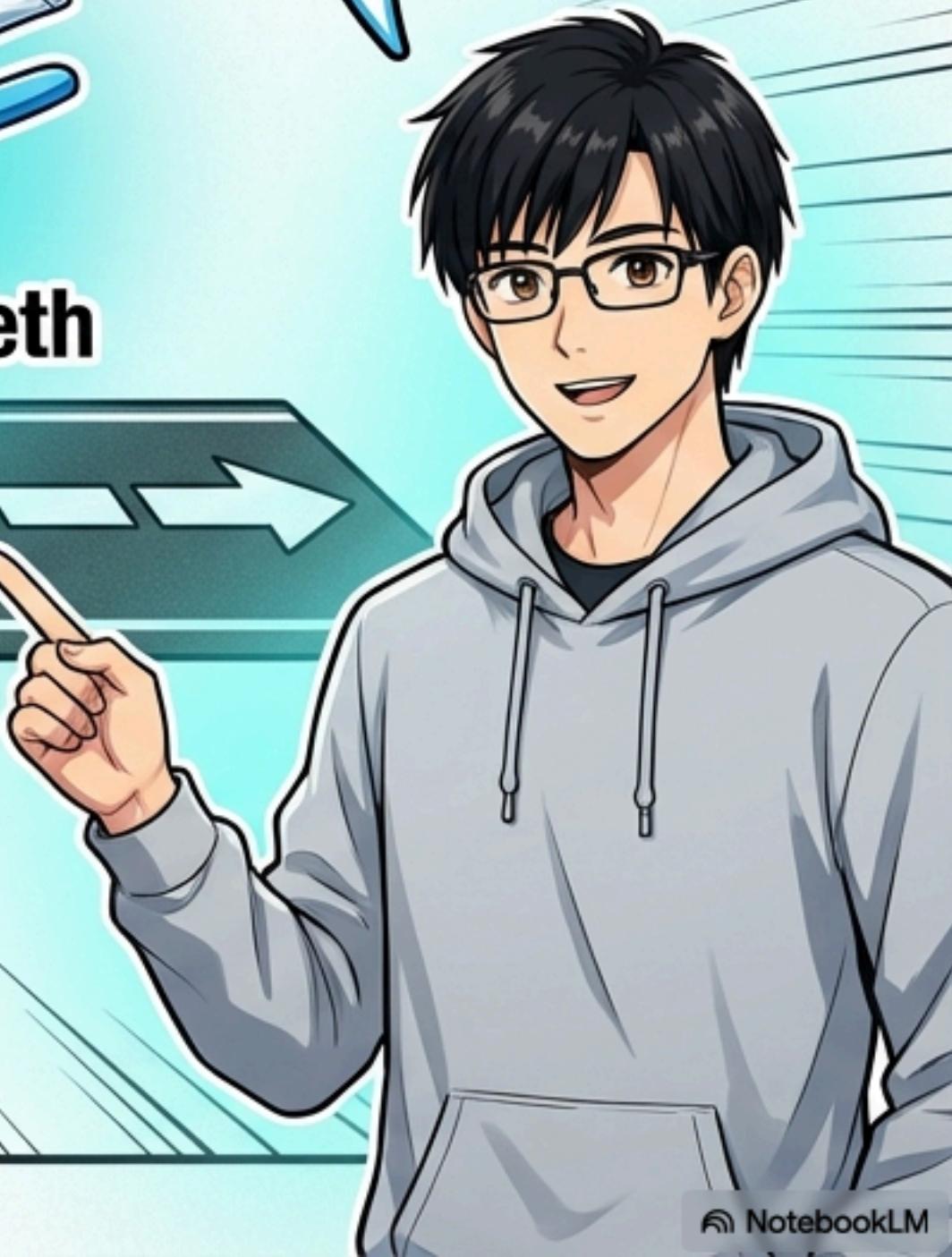


Breakfast



Brush Teeth

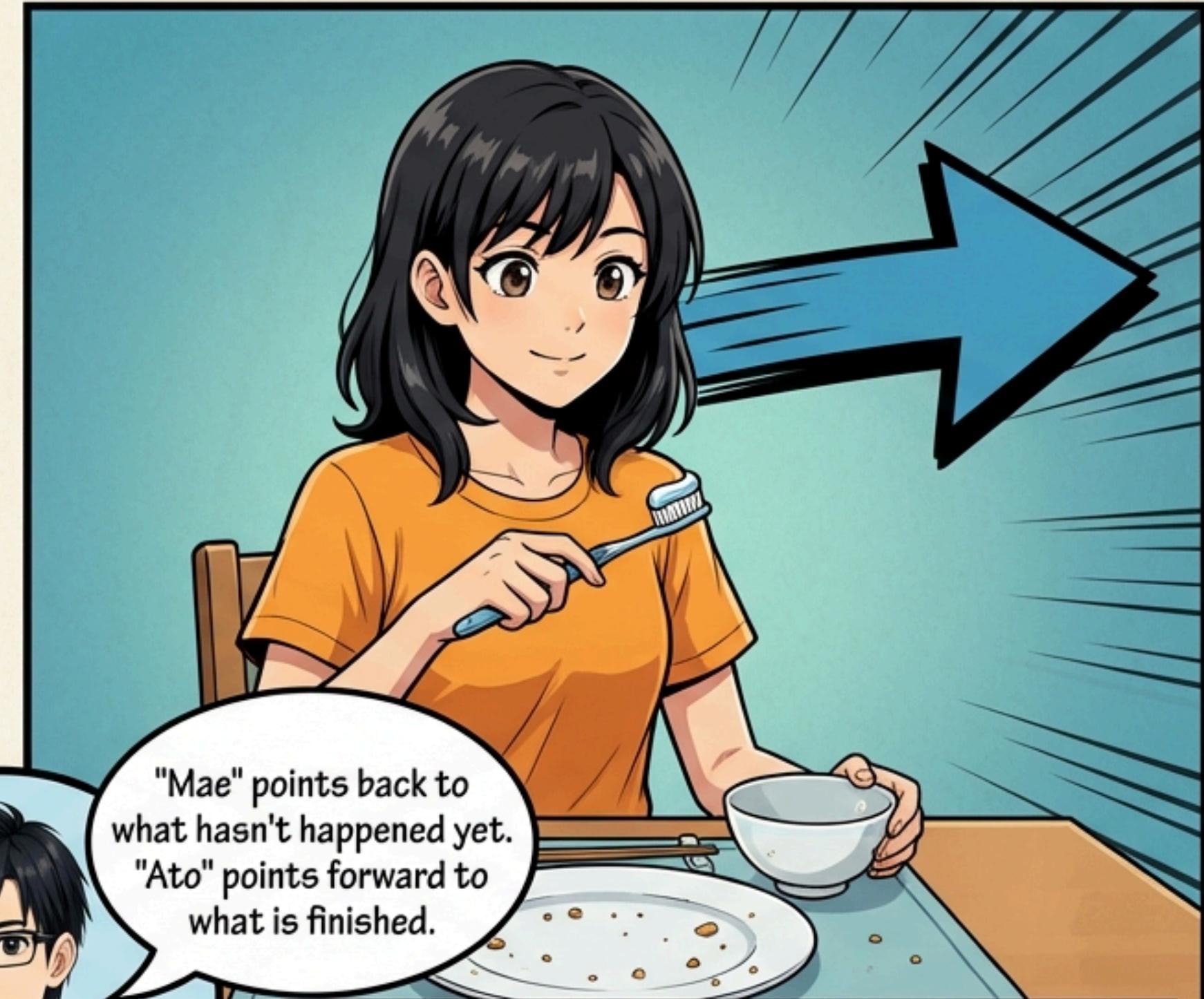
Let's look at
the Timeline!



Mae (Before/Back) vs. Ato (After/Later)



Taberu mae ni (Before eating)

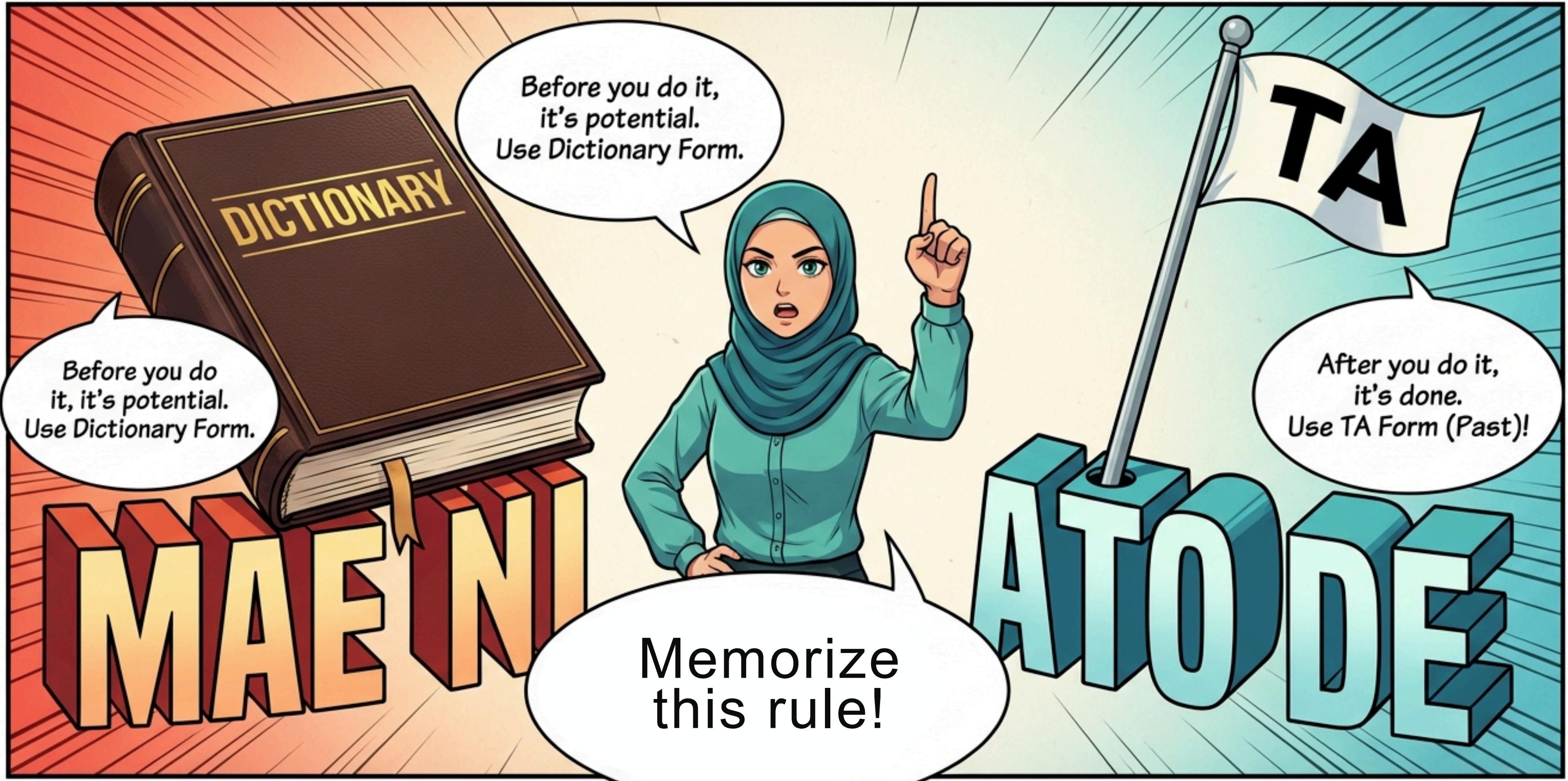


Tabeta ato de (After eating)

"Mae" points back to what hasn't happened yet.
"Ato" points forward to what is finished.



Dictionary Before, TA After!



Sentence Assembly



Raya's Hack: Just use NO!



Noun + NO + mae ni / ato de

Shokuji no
mae ni
(Before the
meal).

DON'T cause a Time Paradox!

Tabeta
mae ni...

× 食べた 前に
(Past + Before)

STOP!

‘Mae ni’ means it
hasn’t happened yet!
You can’t use Past Tense!
Always use
Dictionary Form!





Cheat Sheet

BEFORE: [Verb Dict] + mae ni

AFTER: [Verb TA] + ato de

NOUNS: [Noun] + NO + mae ni / ato de

REMEMBER: No Past Tense before 'Mae ni'!