

# The 'TA' Stamp

Plain Past Form (夕形)

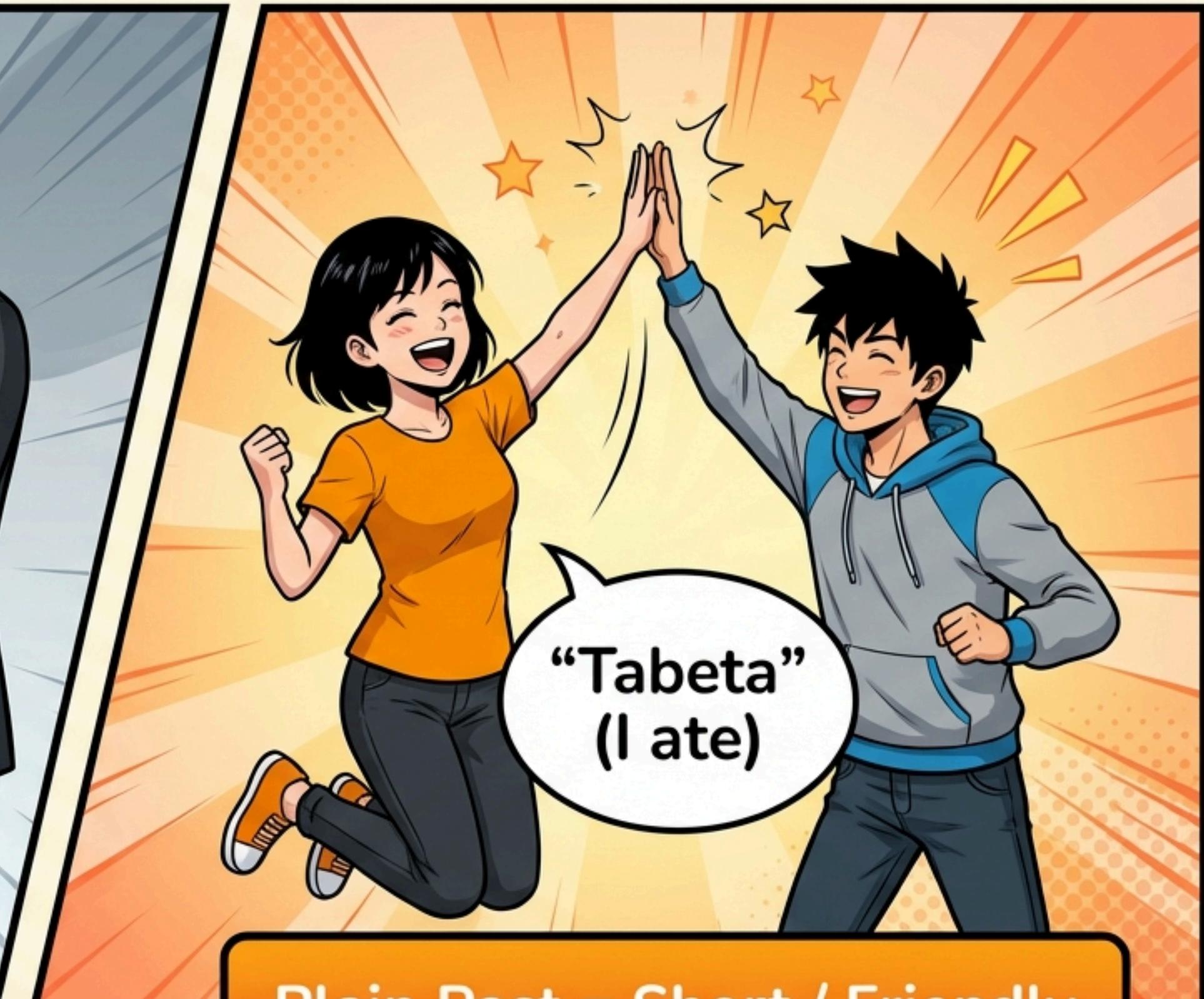


Talking about yesterday.



“Tabemashita”  
(I ate)

Polite Past = Stiff / Distant

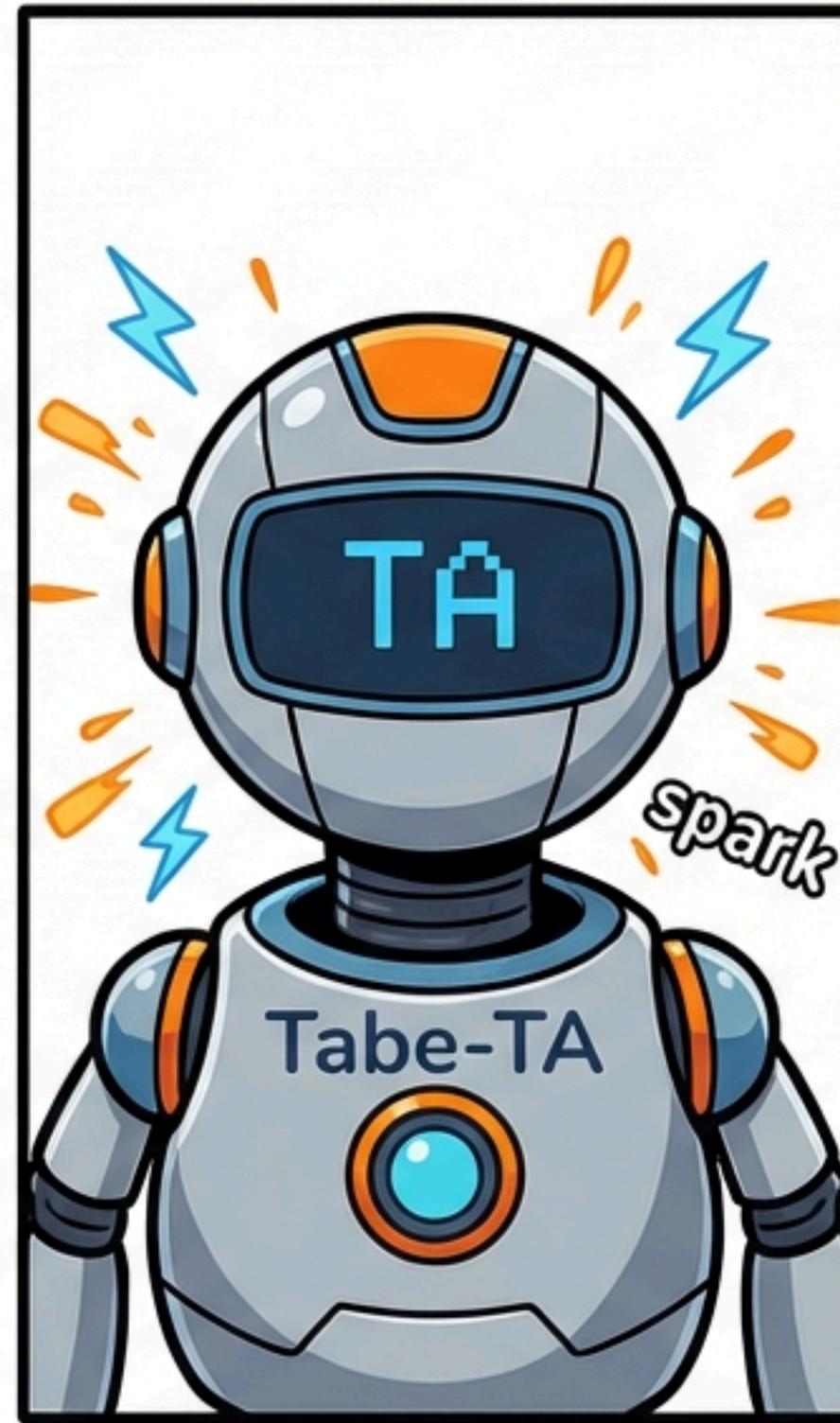
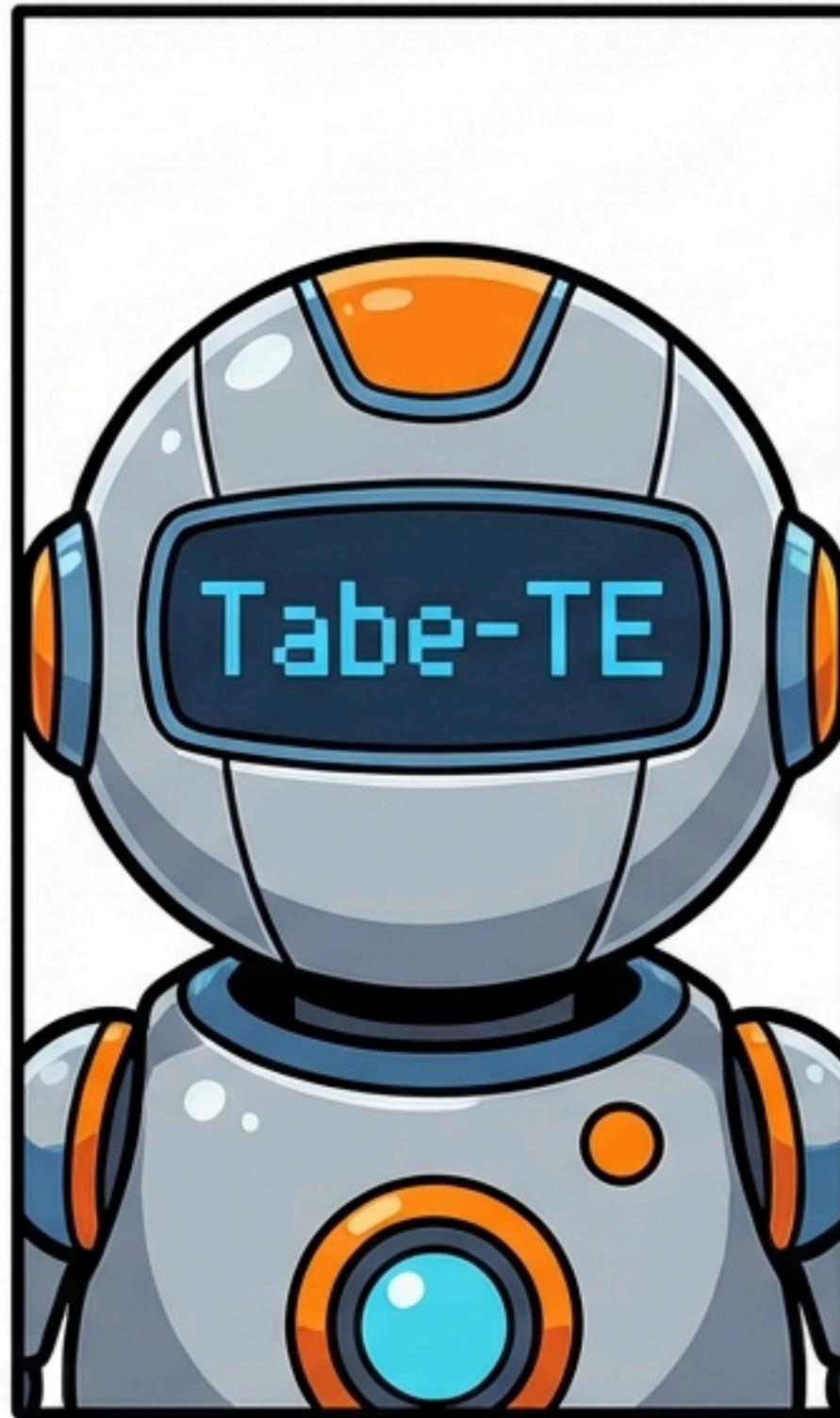


“Tabeta”  
(I ate)

Plain Past = Short / Friendly

# Short & Fast for Friends

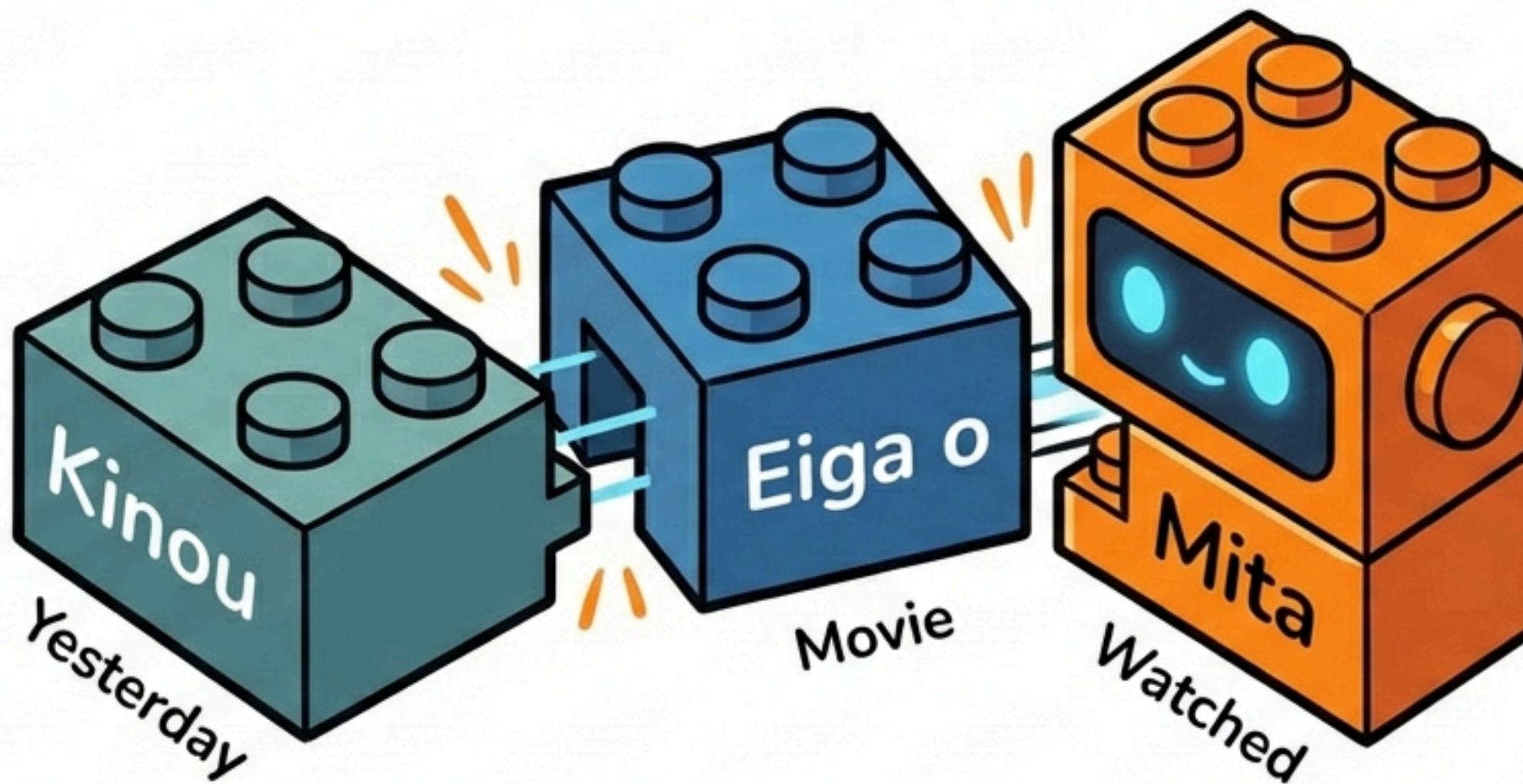
# The Switch: Just change TE to TA!



Good news! If you know the TE-form, you already know the TA-form. The rules are identical!

Tabe-te → Tabe-ta  
Non-de → Non-da  
It-te → It-ta

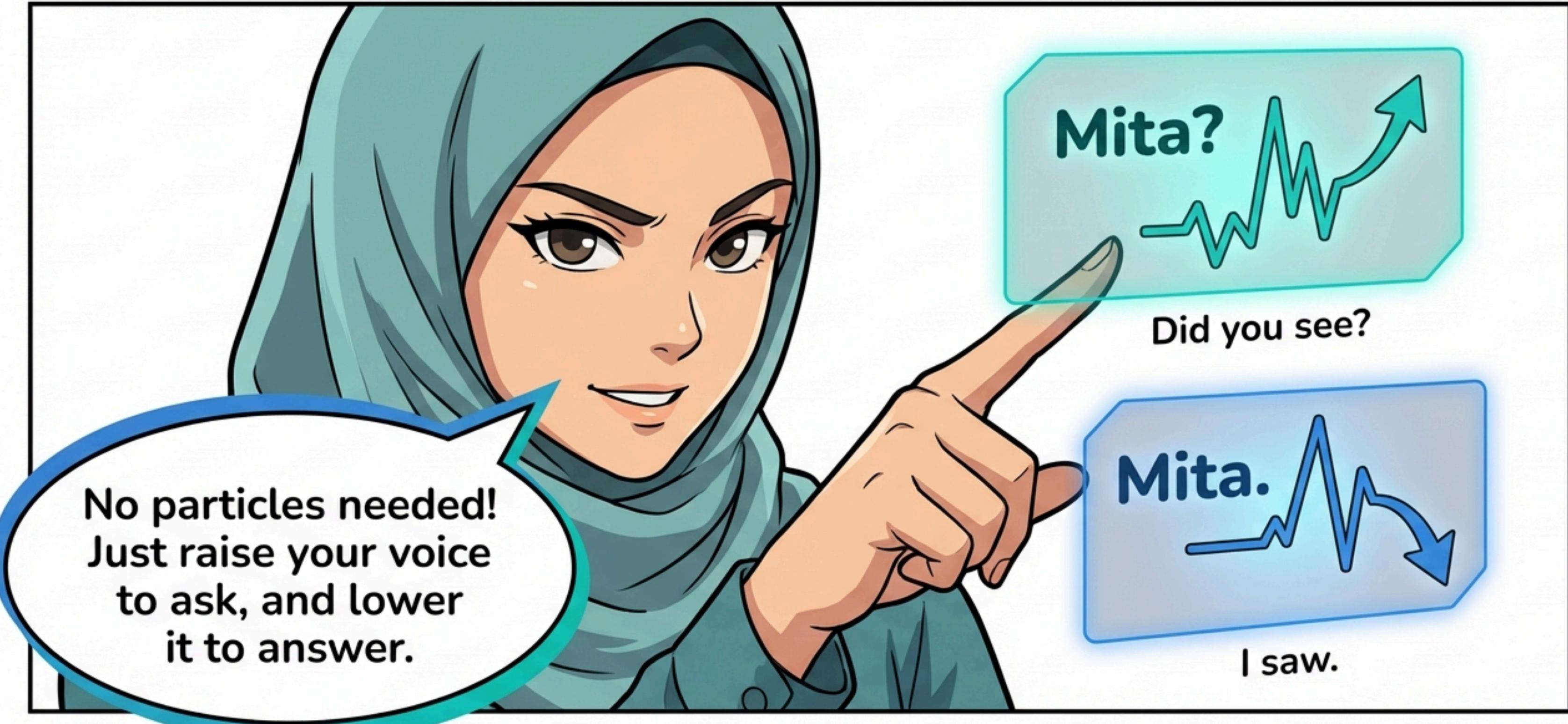
# Building the Sentence



昨日 映画を見た。

(I watched a movie yesterday.)

# Raya's Hack: The Intonation Switch



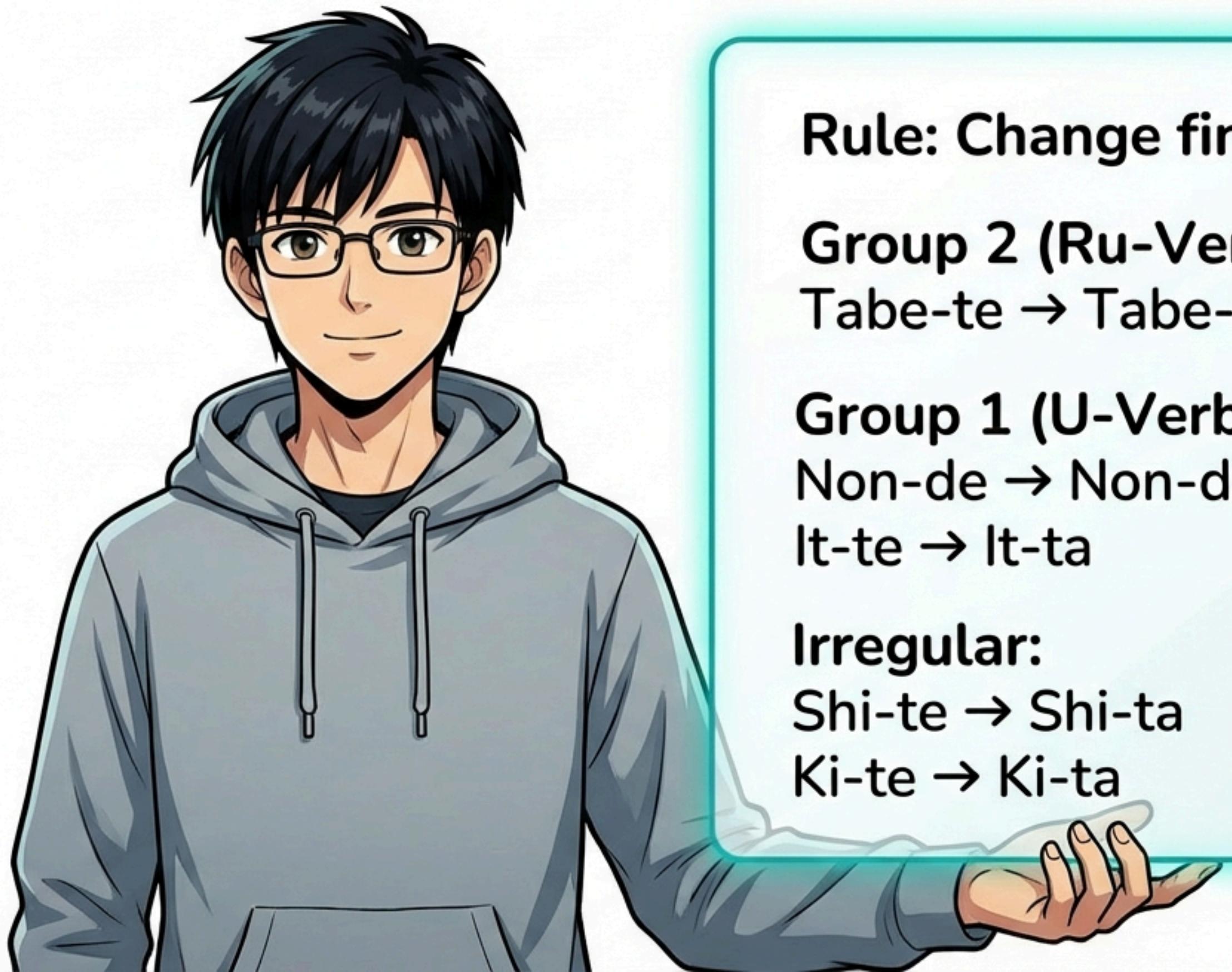
Q: Kinou mita? ↗ A: Un, mita. ↘

# Don't do this!



**Ken says:** Using 'Mashita' with a best friend builds a wall.  
Use 'Tabeta?' to keep it close!

# Mission Summary



**Rule: Change final ‘te/de’ to ‘ta/da’**

**Group 2 (Ru-Verbs):**

Tabe-te → Tabe-ta

**Group 1 (U-Verbs):**

Non-de → Non-da

It-te → It-ta

**Irregular:**

Shi-te → Shi-ta

Ki-te → Ki-ta