

The 'TA' Stamp

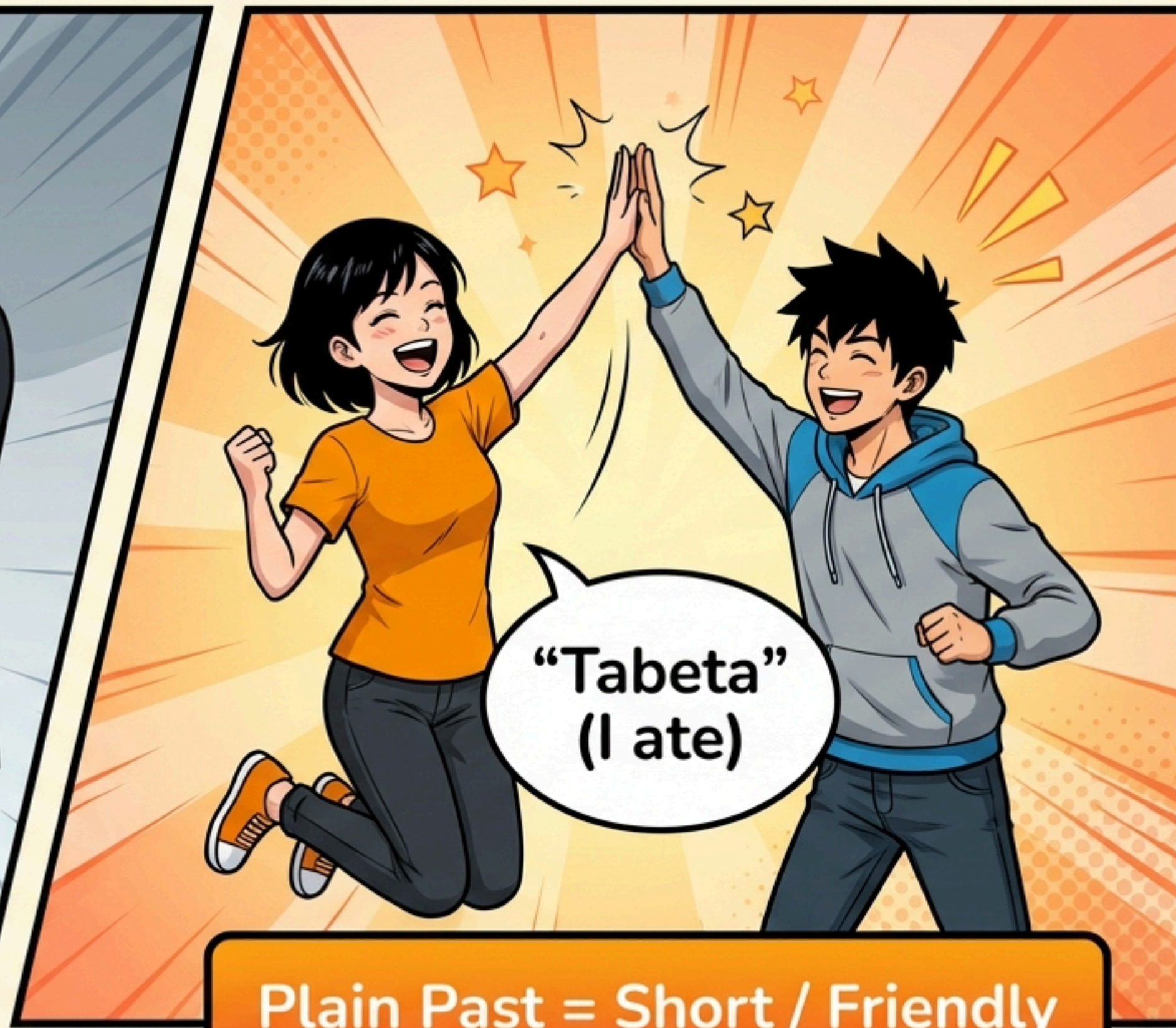
Plain Past Form (夕形)



Talking about yesterday.



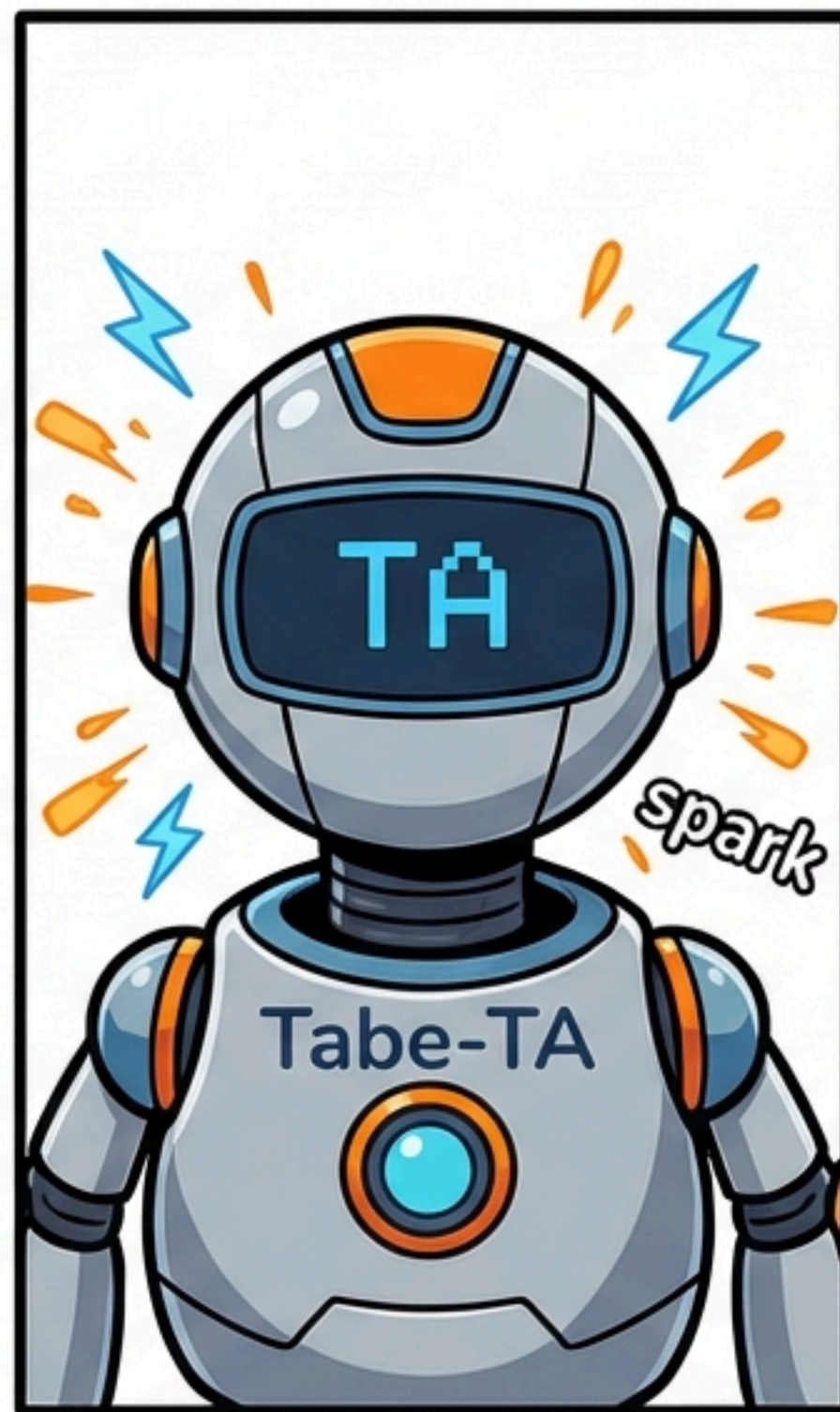
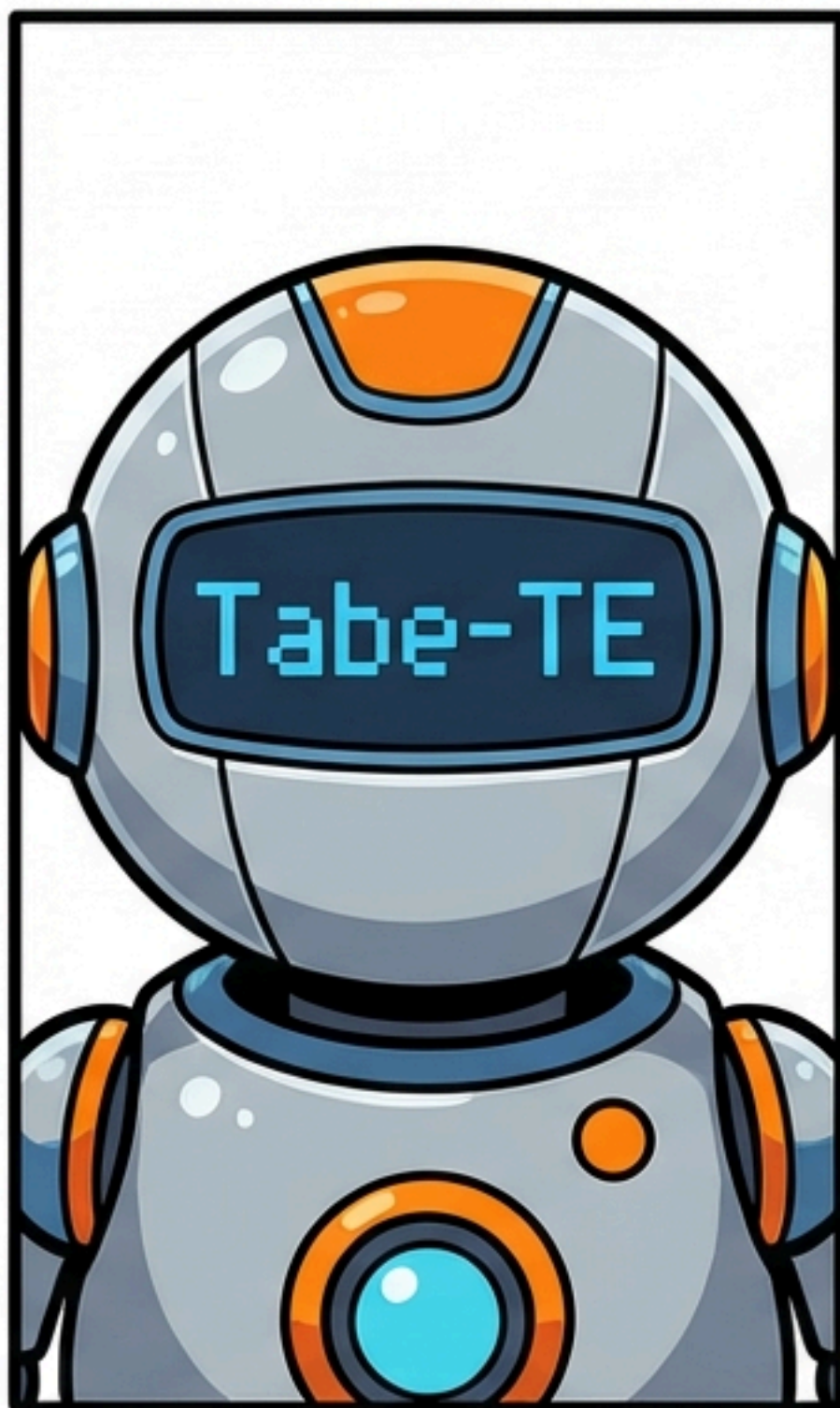
Polite Past = Stiff / Distant



Plain Past = Short / Friendly

Short & Fast for Friends

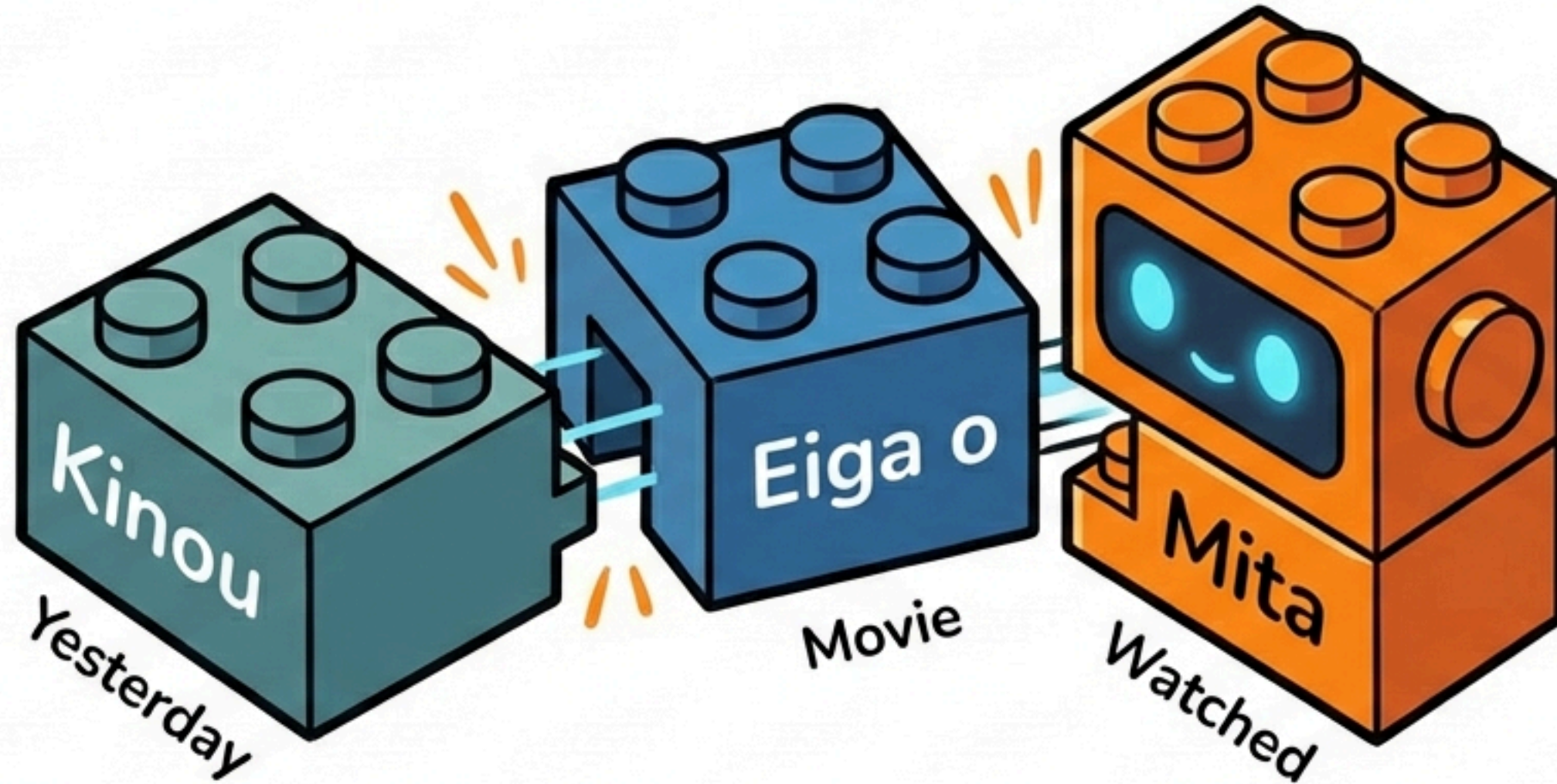
The Switch: Just change TE to TA!



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

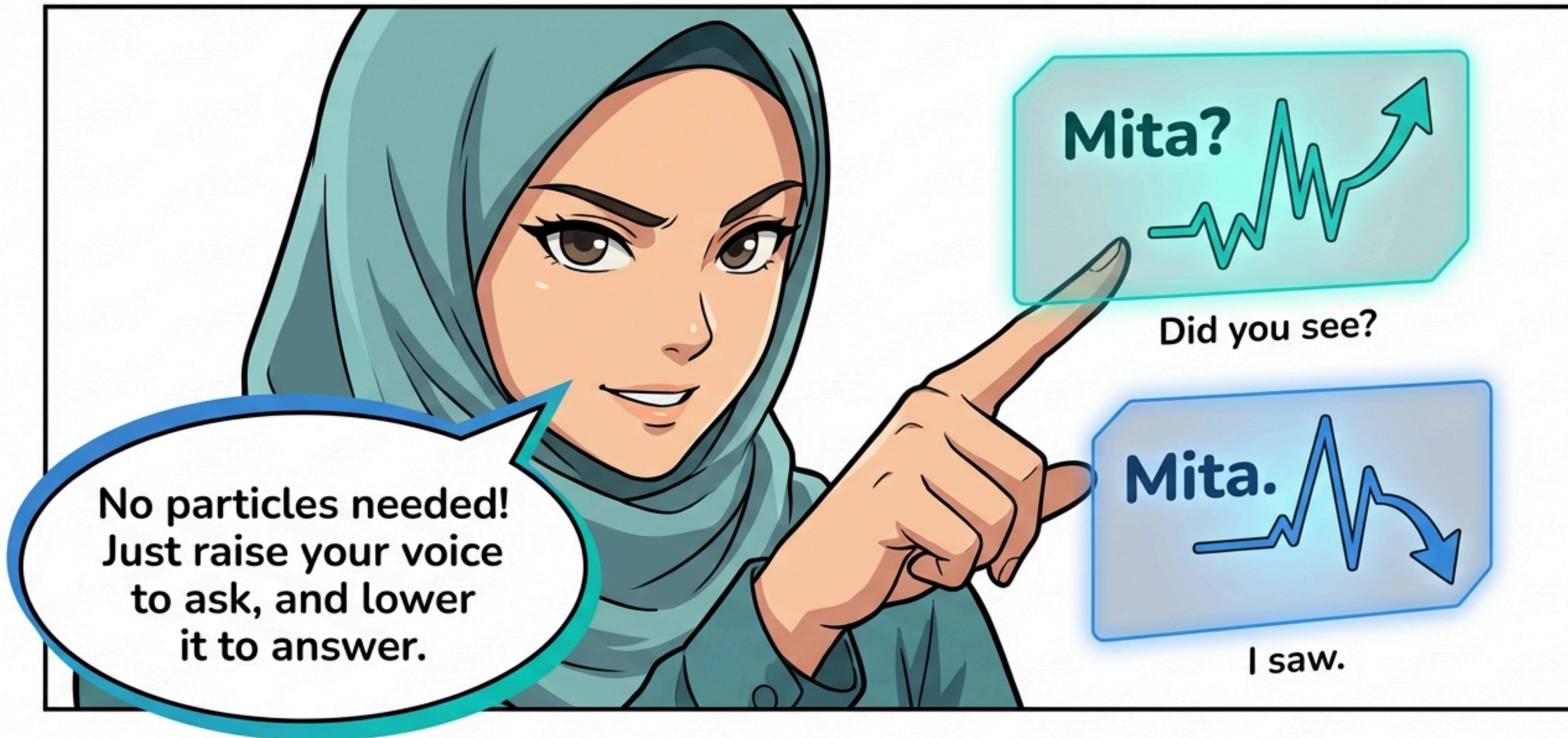
Tabe-te → Tabe-ta
Non-de → Non-da
It-te → It-ta

Building the Sentence



昨日 映画を見た。
(I watched a movie yesterday.)

Raya's Hack: The Intonation Switch



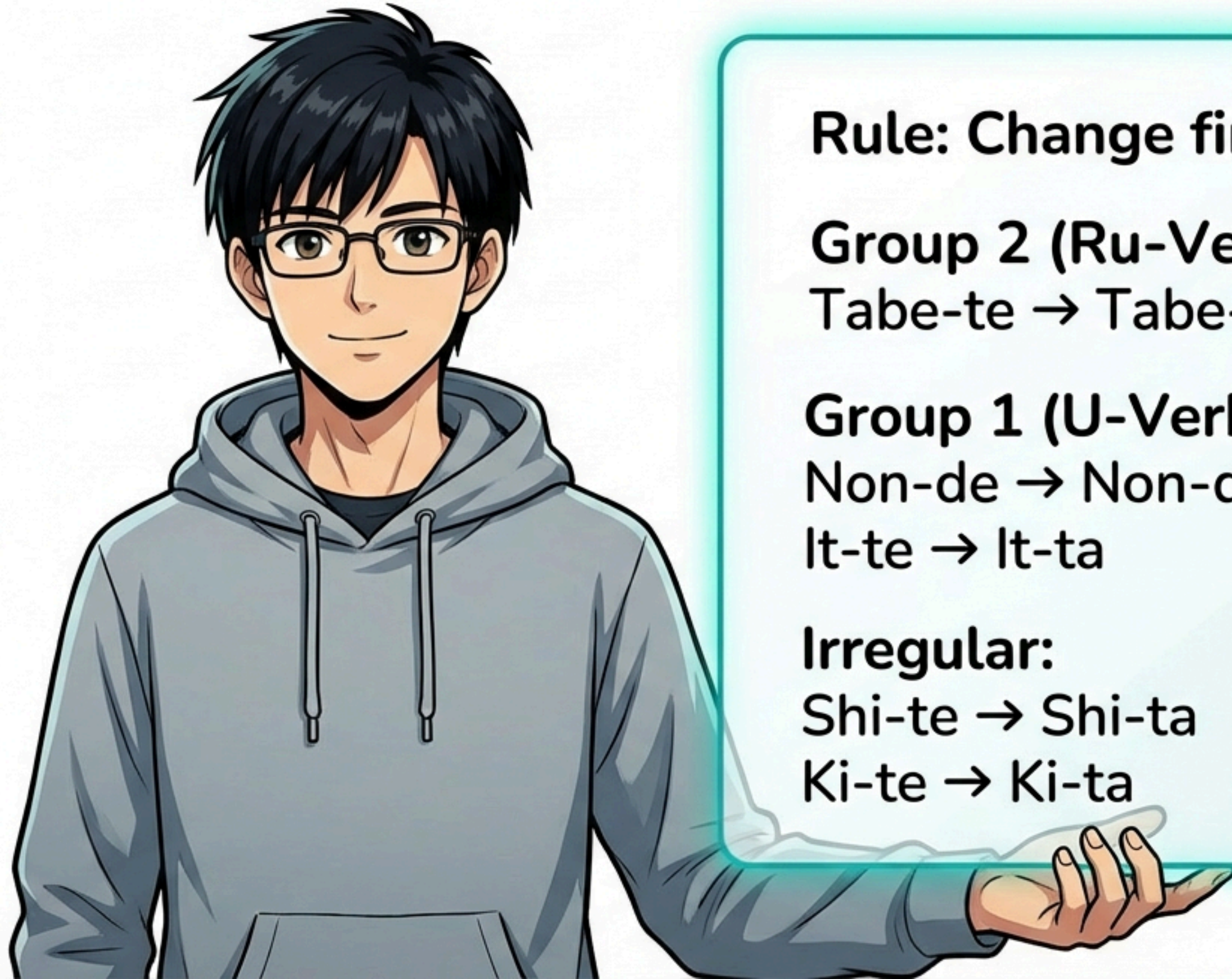
Q: Kinou mita? ↗ A: Un, mita. ↘

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