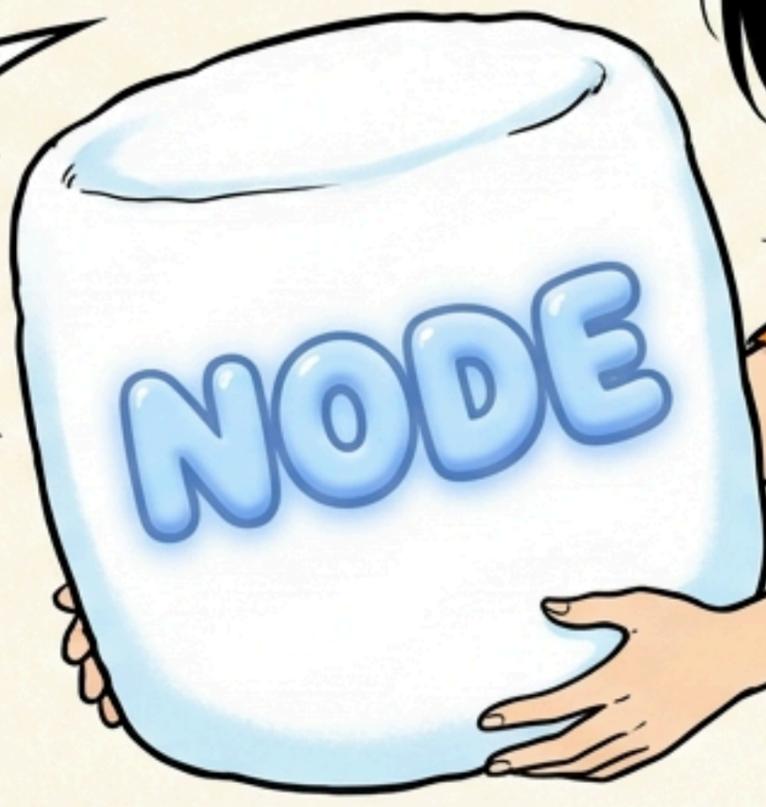


~ので (Because - Polite)

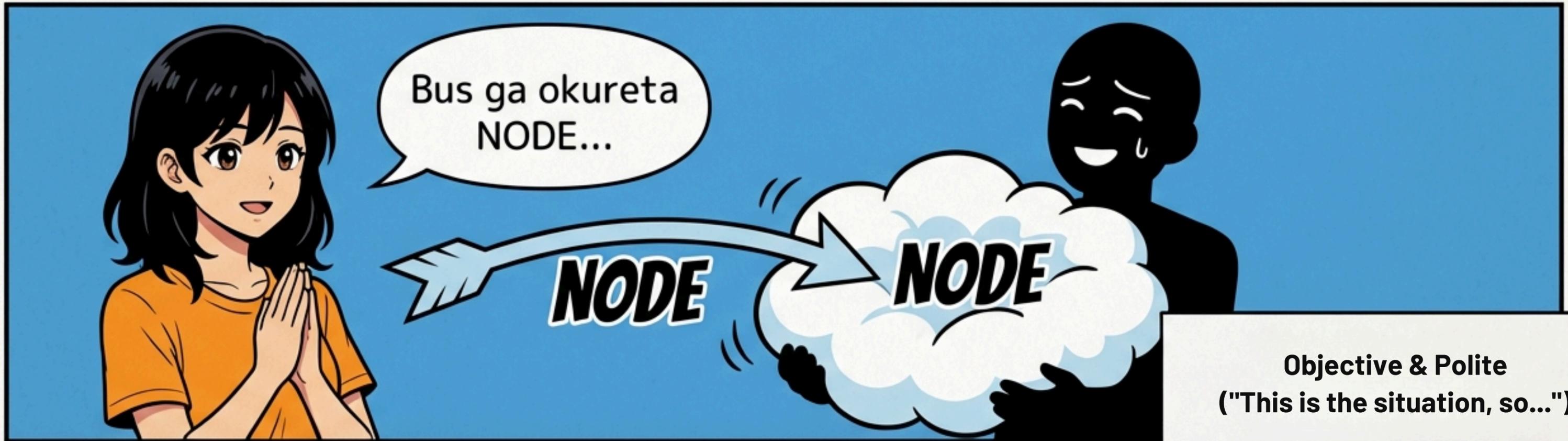
The Soft Cushion Strategy
(柔らかいクッション)

I'm late again!
How do I
apologize
without being
rude?



Use the
Cushion!
Soften the
impact!





THE NA-ADJ BRIDGE

Na-Adjectives & Nouns need 'NA'!

Verbs and
i-Adjectives
connect directly!
Only Nouns/Na-
Adjectives need
this bridge!



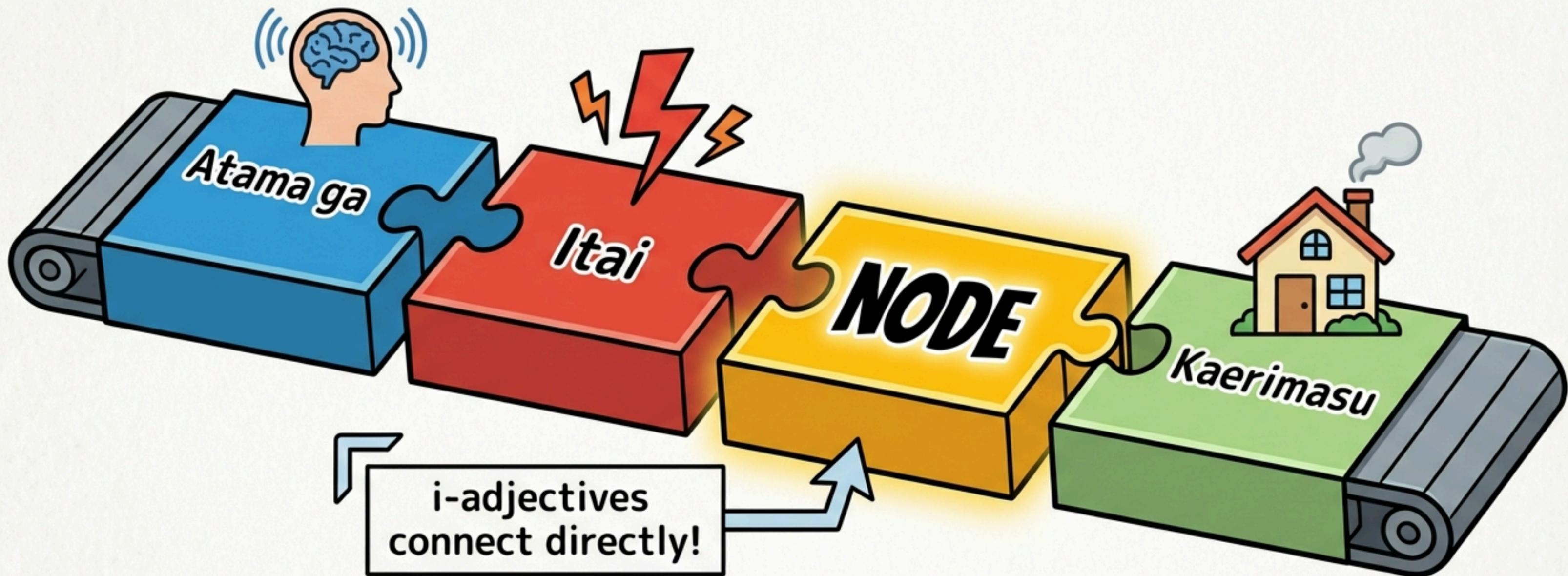
SUKI
(Like)

NA

NODE

DA

Suki + NA + Node



頭が痛いので、帰ります。
Since I have a headache, I will go home.

Raya's Hack: The Fade Out



You can stop at NODE...

Chotto youji ga aru node...
ちよつと用事があるので...

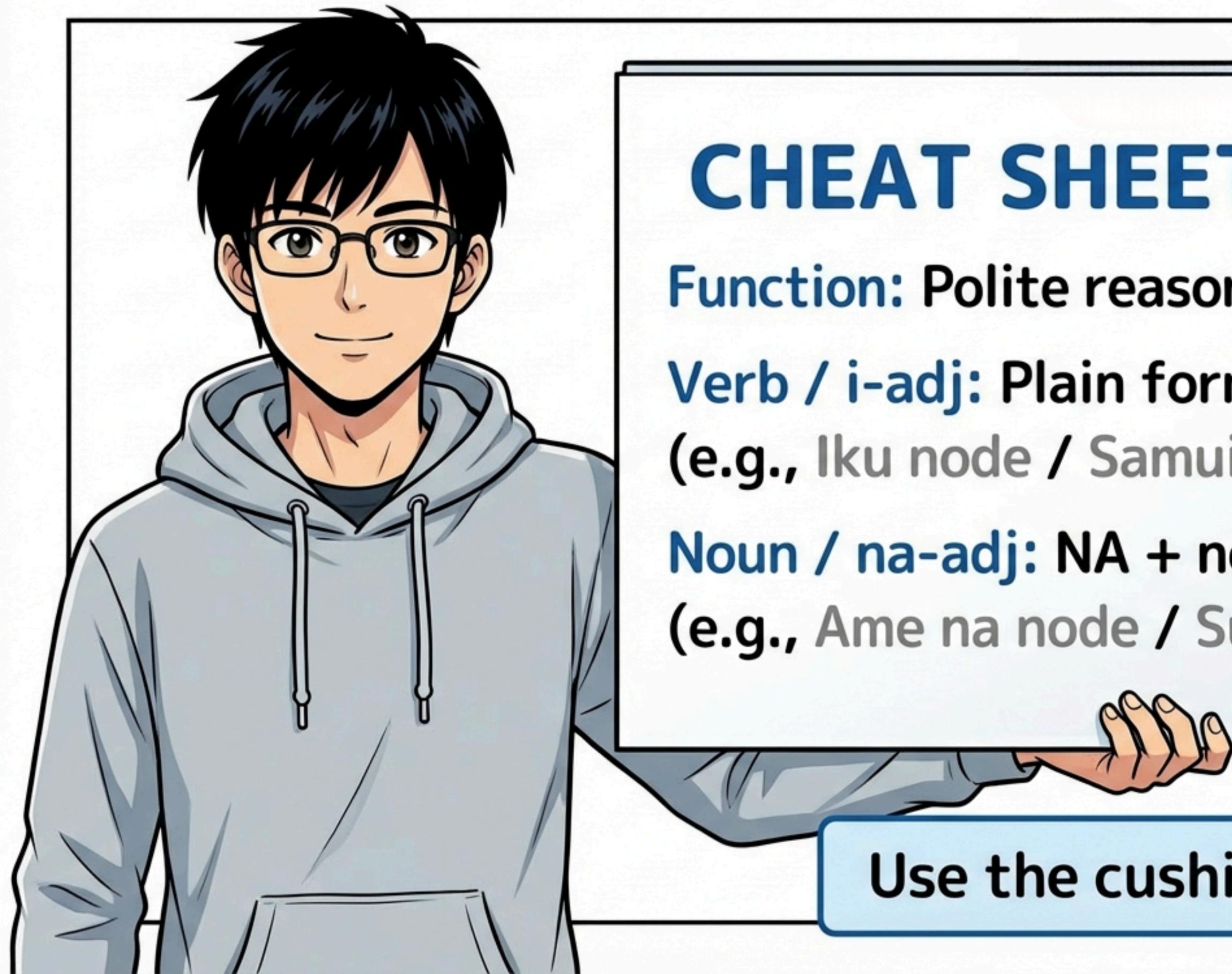
When refusing an invitation or making an excuse, leaving the sentence open is very Japanese and polite!



Remember: For Nouns (Ame) and Na-adjectives, 'DA' becomes 'NA'.

✗ Ame **DA** node (Crash!)

✓ Ame **NA** node (Safe!)



CHEAT SHEET: ~ので

Function: Polite reason / Soft excuse.

Verb / i-adj: Plain form + node
(e.g., Iku node / Samui node)

Noun / na-adj: NA + node
(e.g., Ame na node / Suki na node)

Use the cushion to be polite! ✨