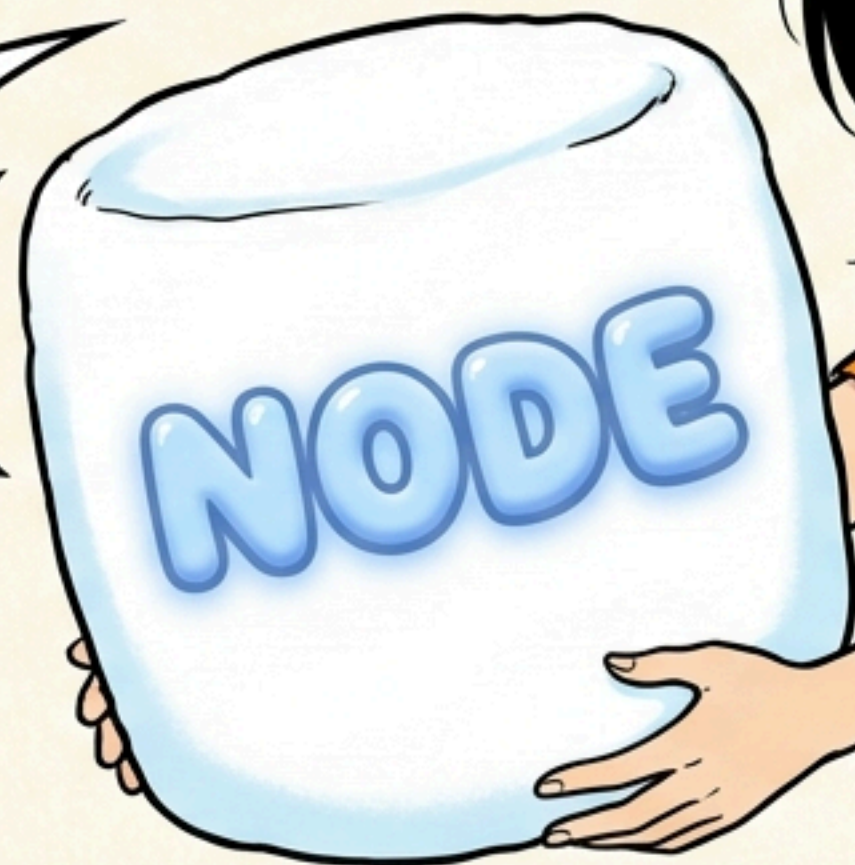


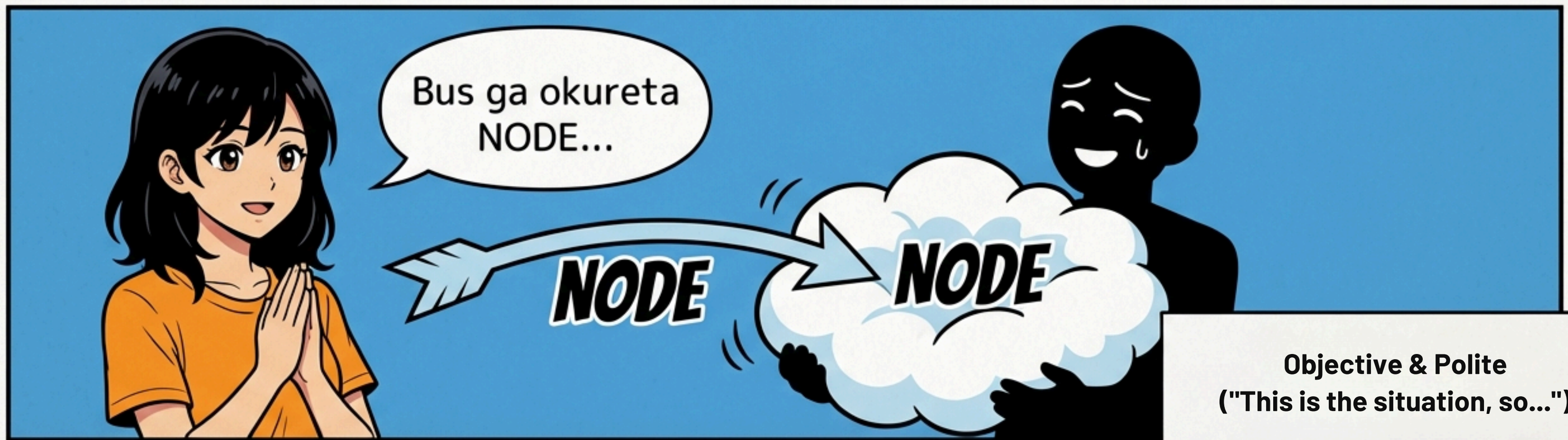
# ～ので (Because - Polite)

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!



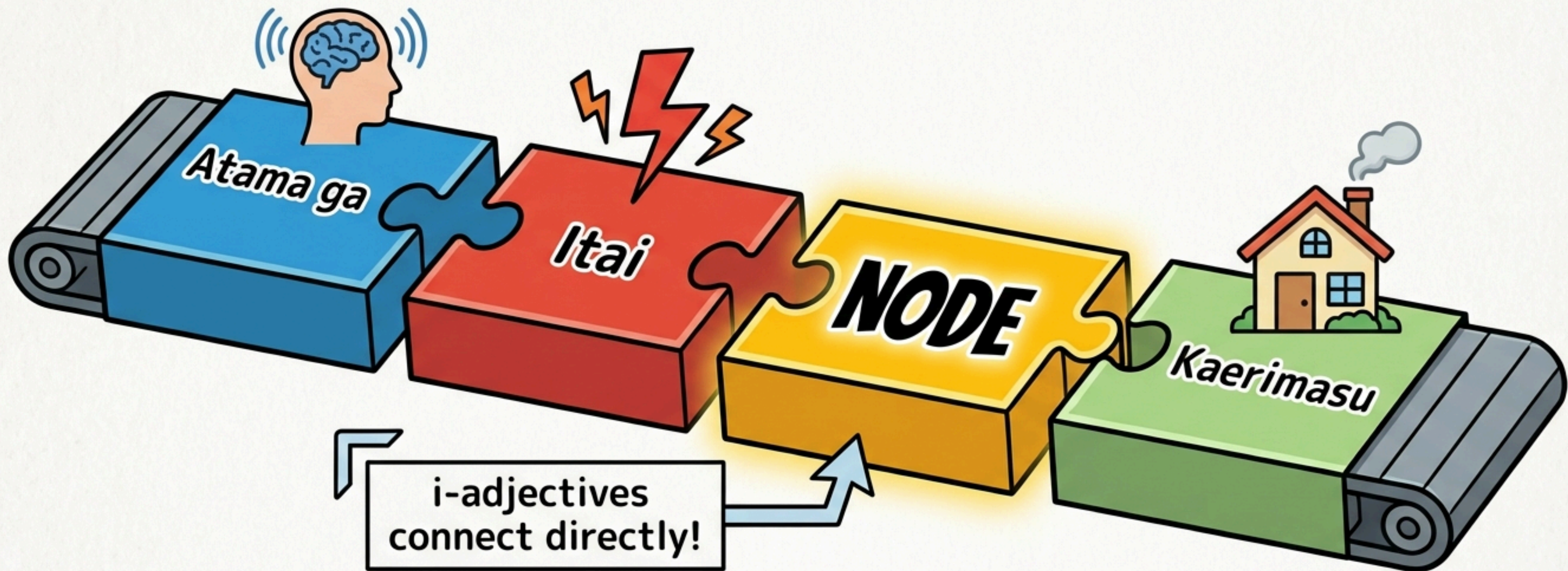
**SUKI**  
(Like)

**NA**

**NODE**

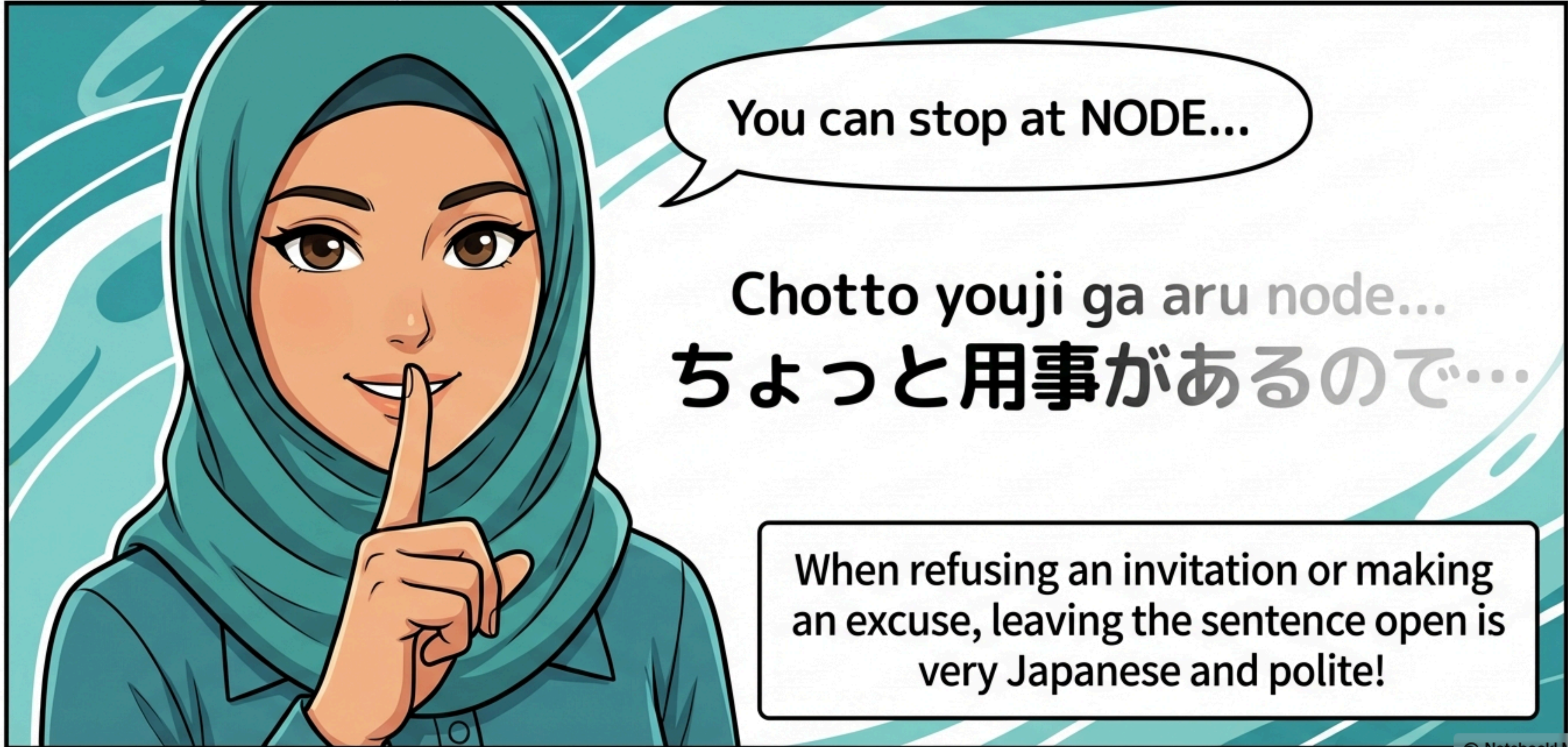
**DA**

**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...  
ちょっと用事があるので....

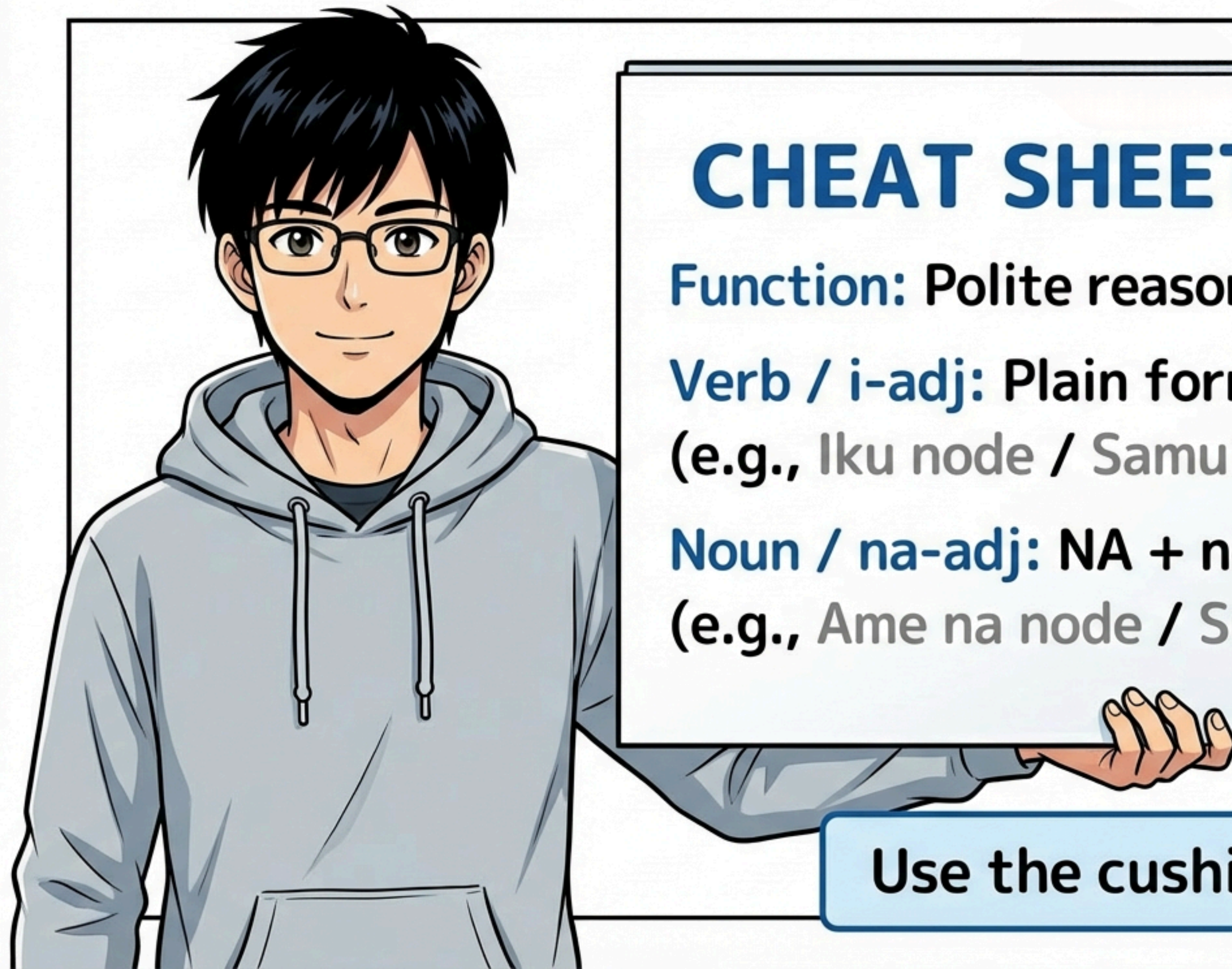
When refusing an invitation or making an excuse, leaving the sentence open is very Japanese and polite!



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! ✨