



THE VISUAL FIRST IMPRESSION

THE FACT

Oishii desu!

She TASTED it.
She KNOWS.



THE VISUAL GUESS

Oishii
sou desu!

She hasn't eaten it.
She GUESSES.



Use 'Sou desu' when
you guess based on
appearance. You don't
know for sure, but it
looks that way.



The Drop & Add Surgery

Rule: Cut the 'i', attach the 'sou'!

i-Adjectives



Oishii - i + sou = Oishi-sou
• Takai → Taka-sou

na-Adjectives



Genki + sou = Genki-sou



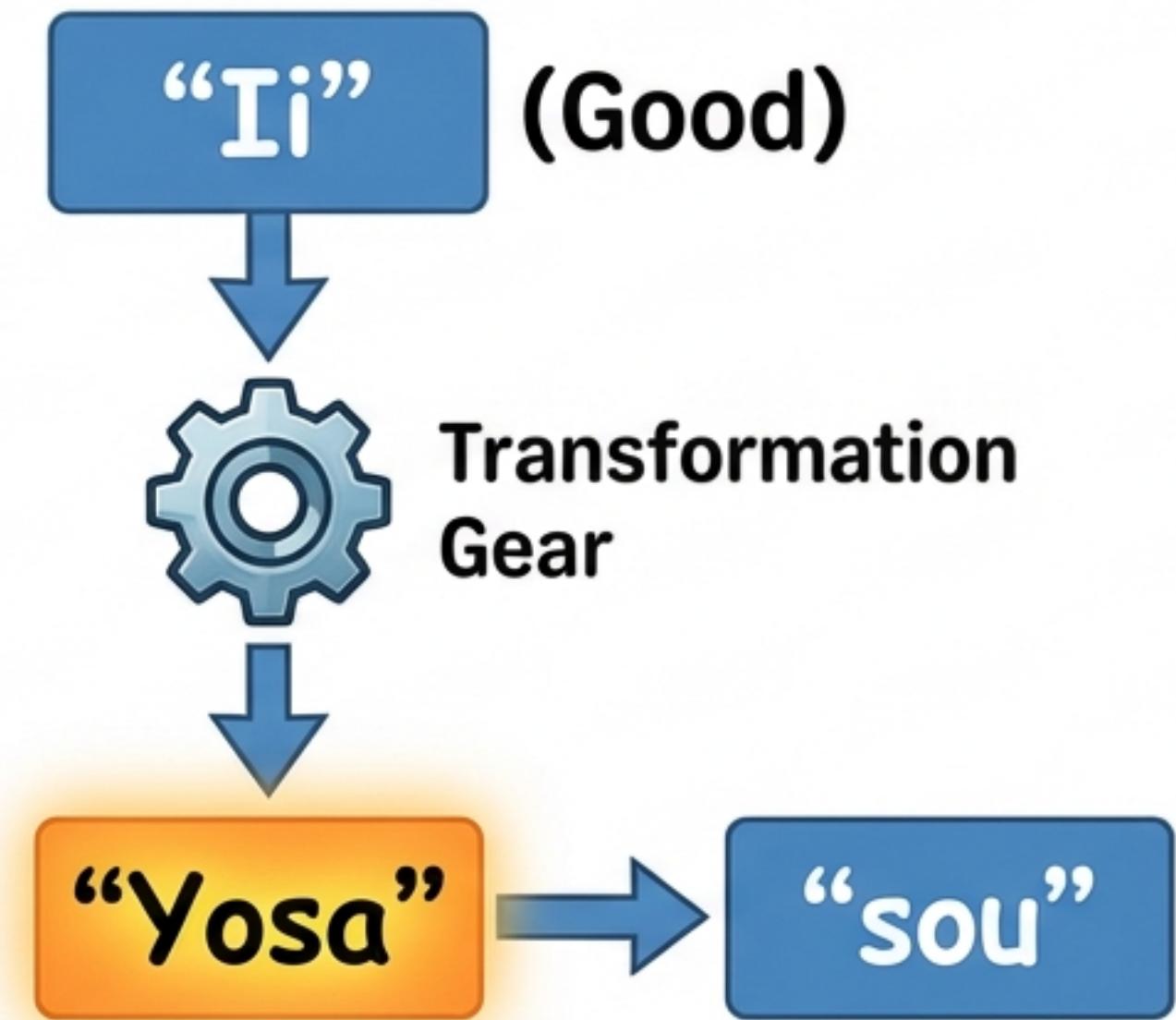
あの犬は頭がよさそうです。

That dog looks smart.

RAYA'S HACK: THE 'II' EXCEPTION



Don't get tricked!
The word 'Ii' (Good)
shape-shifts into
'YOSA' before
combining!



✗ Ii-sou
✓ Yosa-sou (Looks good)

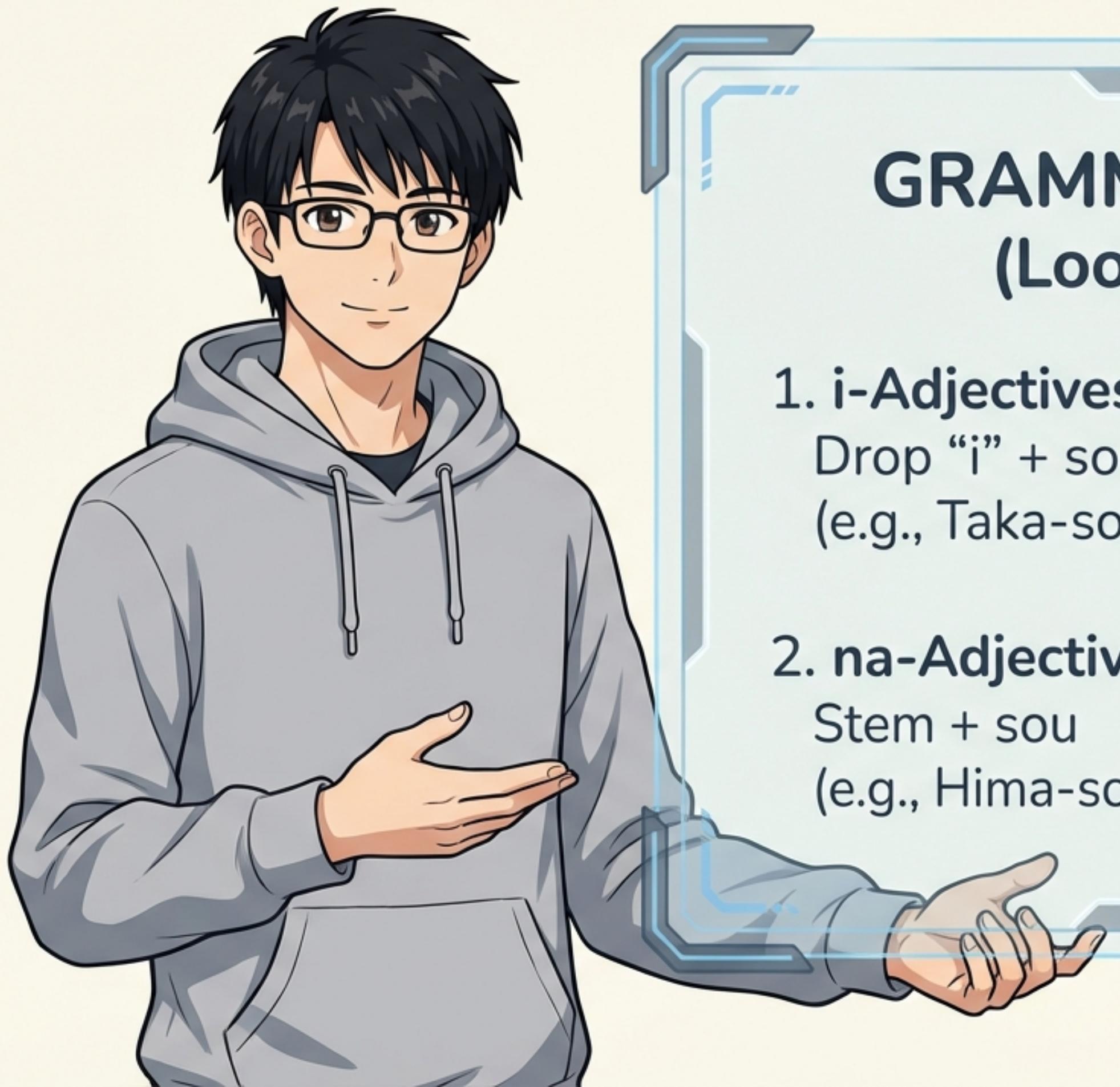
DON'T DO THIS!

Kawaii + sou = Kawaisou
(Poor thing / Pitiable!)

You made the bag sad!



To say it's cute, just say:
Kawaii desu ne!



GRAMMAR: ~そうです (Looks like / Seems)

1. i-Adjectives:

Drop “i” + sou
(e.g., Taka-sou)

2. na-Adjectives:

Stem + sou
(e.g., Hima-sou)

3. EXCEPTION:

li → Yosa-sou



WARNING:

Kawaii + sou = “Poor thing!”
(Don’t use sou for cute!)