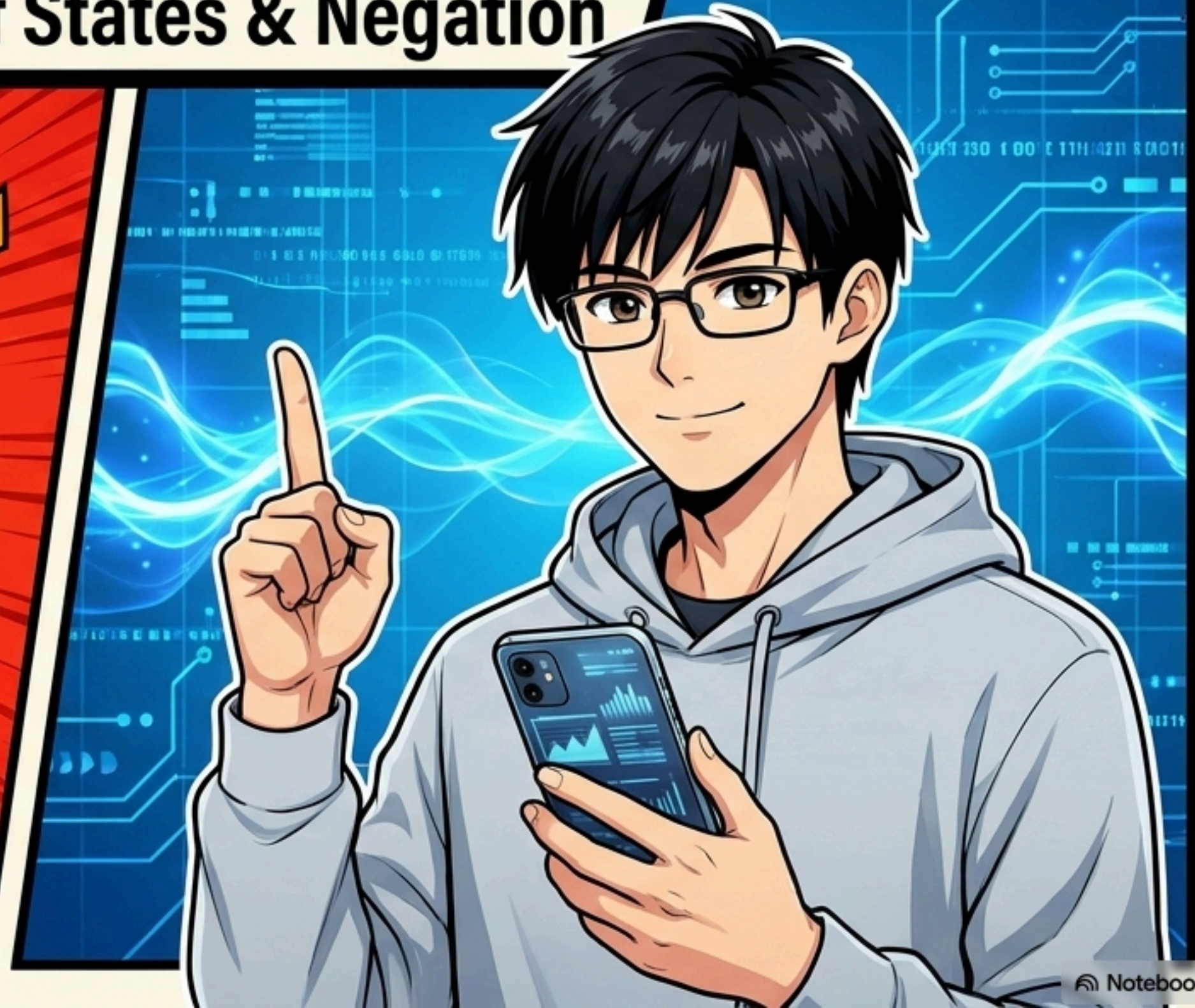
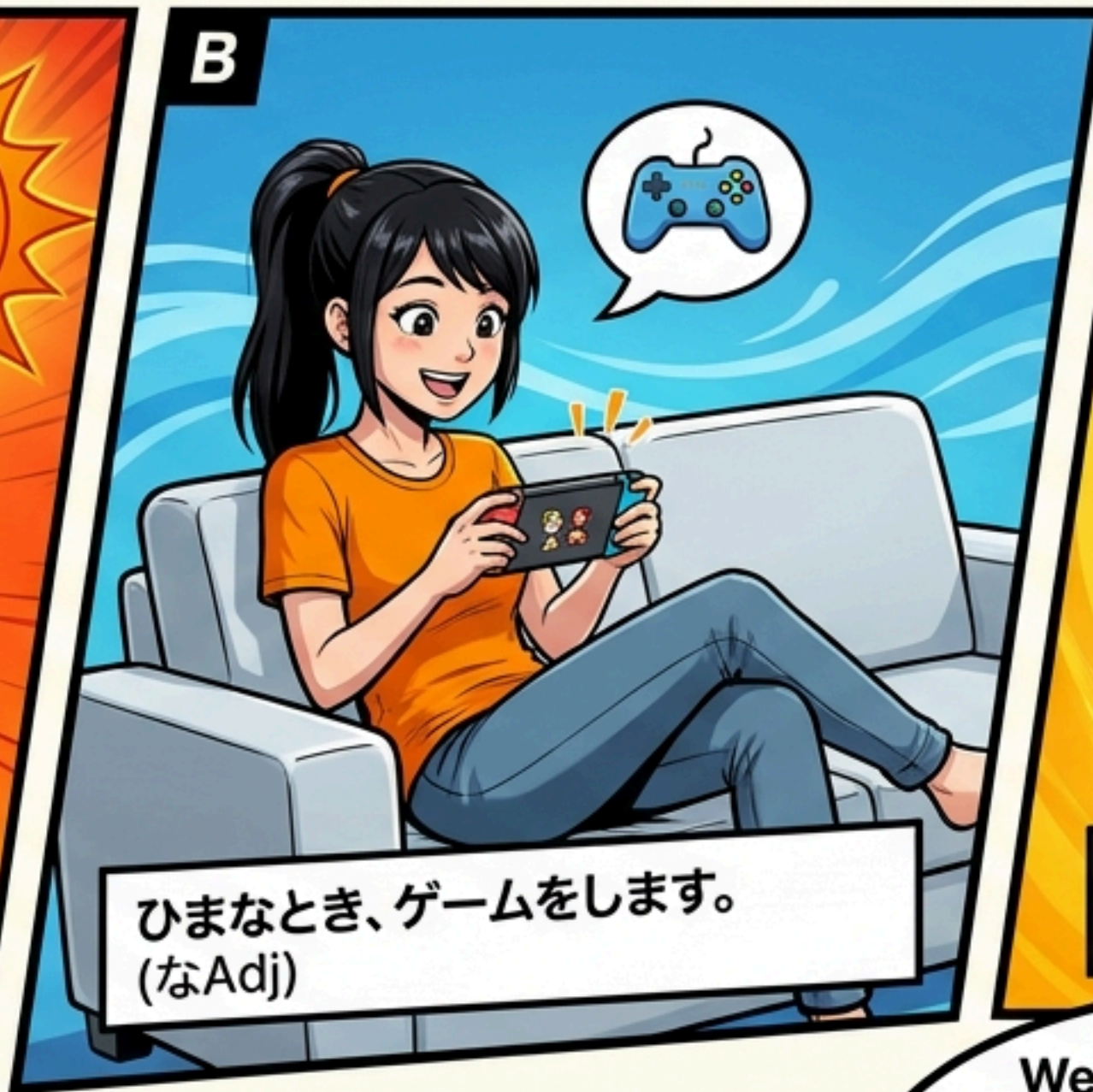


Vない / いいAdj / なAdj + とき (When...)

The Timing of States & Negation



「どんなとき」に何をしますか？ (When X happens, what do you do?)



We know how to say "when I go" (いくとき). Now let's master states: 'when it's hot', 'when I'm free', and 'when I don't know'!

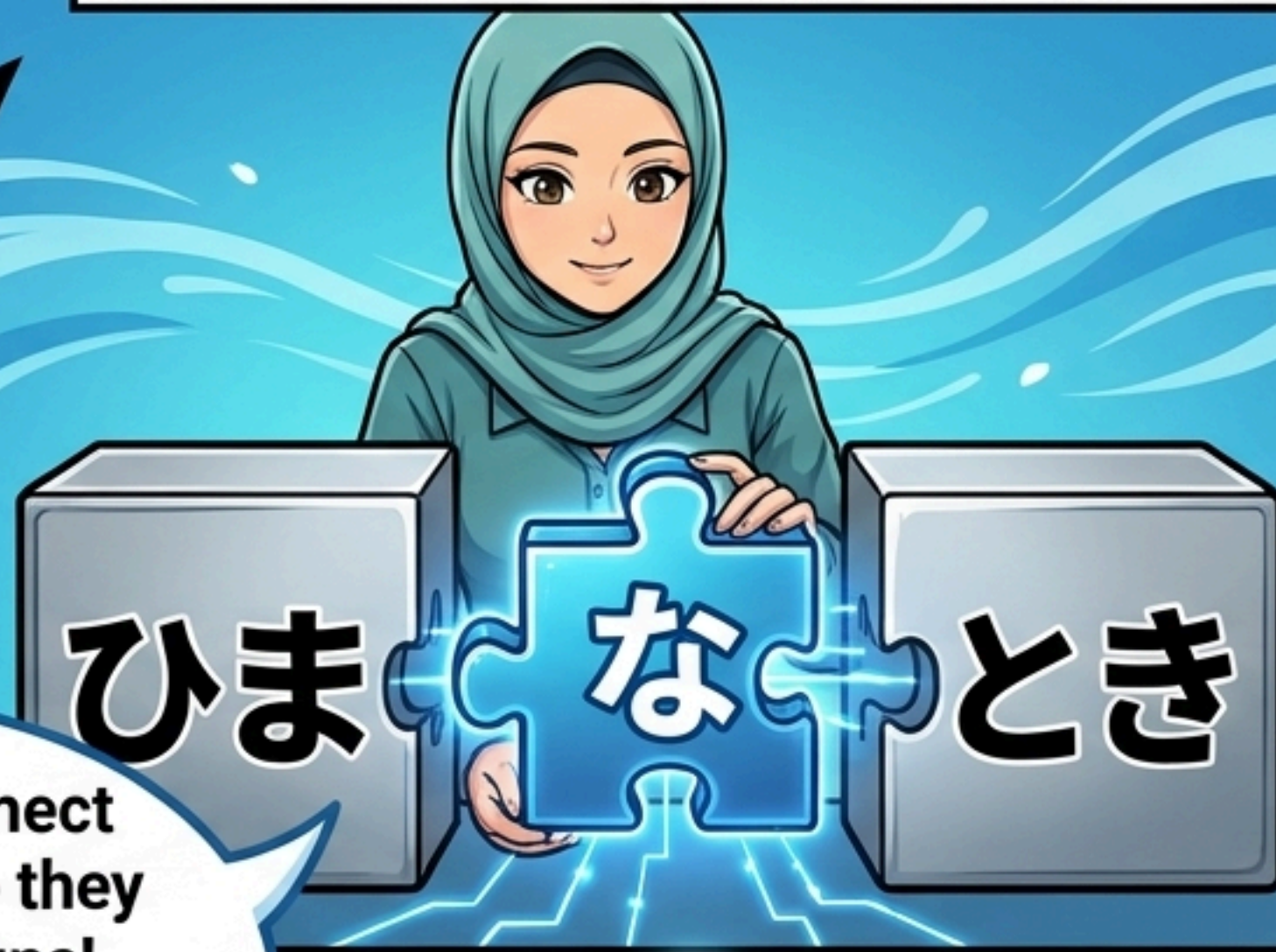


The Adjective Glue!

Rule 1: い-Adj keeps the い!



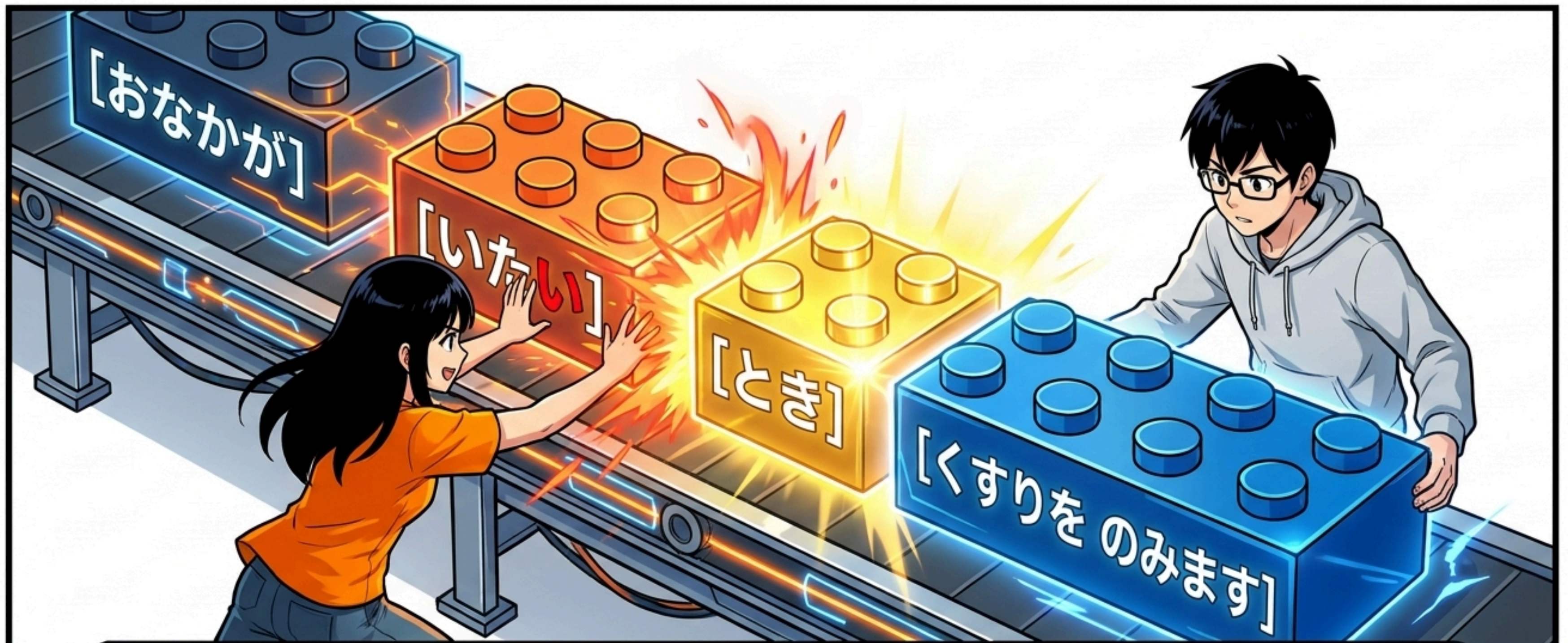
Rule 2: な-Adj MUST have な!



Adjectives connect to 'とき' just like they connect to nouns!
'ひまな日' (free day) becomes 'ひまなとき' (free time)!

[あつい] + [とき]
(atsui - hot) (toki)

[ひまな] + [とき]
(himana) (toki)



おなか **いたい** とき、くすりを のみます。
(When my stomach hurts, I take medicine.)

Raya's Hack: The Negative State



わからない ⇨ わからないとき

Vない

Treat the negative verb 'ない' exactly like an い-Adjective! It just clicks right in. It describes the continuous state of something NOT happening.

DON'T DO THIS!

Stop! 'Hima' is a な-Adjective!
You can't just smash them
together. Never forget the
'な' glue! It's ひまなとき!

ひまとき!

ひまとき、
あそびにきてね!

× ひまとき

Ken's Cheat Sheet

いAdj: **そのまま** + とき (e.g., わかいとき)

なAdj: **な** + とき (e.g., しずかなとき)

Vない: **そのまま** + とき (e.g., たべないとき)

Mastering these states lets you explain your current condition perfectly. Keep this cheat sheet handy!