

Verbで + しまいます

To do completely / To do by mistake

Completion vs. Regret
(完了と後悔)



One Form, Two Feelings



All done!

'Shimaimasu' is a very emotional grammar point. It tells the listener that an action is either 100% finished, or that something happened that you didn't want to happen. It adds flavor to the basic verb!



Oh no!

Te-form + しまいます

[たべる → たべて]

[わすれる → わすれて]



しまいます

Just take the Te-form and add 'Shimaimasu'. For past events, which is very common with this grammar, use 'Shimaimashita'. Tabete + shimaimashita = I ate it all (or I ate it by mistake!).

100% Finished (No more left)

この本を
ぜんぶよんで
しまいました。



When you use it for completion, it implies you did the action thoroughly. "I finished the whole book" or "I drank all the all the milk". There is a sense of accomplishment here!

Regret / Accident (Unintentional)

きつぷを わすれて しまいました。



**This is the most common use!
When you do something by mistake
or something bad happens
unintentionally, add 'shimaimashita'.
It's the Japanese way of saying
'Oops' or 'Unfortunately'.**

✗ Using it for Happy Intentions

日本へ行って
しまいます!

Careful, Joy! If you say “**Itte shimaimasu**” about a trip you’re excited for, it sounds like you’re going there **by mistake** or you’re sad about it. If it’s a **positive, planned action**, just use “**Ikimasu**”!



Structure: [Verb て-form] + しまいます。

Meaning 1: Finished completely (ぜんぶ たべました).

Meaning 2: Accidental / Regret (わすれました).

Casual: ~ちゃう / ~じゃう (e.g., Tabechatta).