

Verbて + しまいました

Finished / Did by mistake (Past Tense)



Concept Tag

The "No Undo" Button
(取り消せない過去)

「コップを
おとしました。」

(I dropped the cup.
- Sounds like a cold,
emotionless robot).



Mentor Note: Adding Emotion to the Past: In N4, we use “Shimaimashita” for things that already happened. You can’t undo the past! It adds human feeling and regret to your mistakes.

「コップをおとして
しまいました。」

(I accidentally
dropped the cup!

- Shows human
emotion and regret).



Te-form + しまいました (It's done!)

[わすれる → わすれて] + [しまいました] 🗝️





The rule is exactly the same as before. Take the Te-form of the verb and add 'Shimaimashita'. Because it's in the past tense, the action is completely locked in. There's no going back!



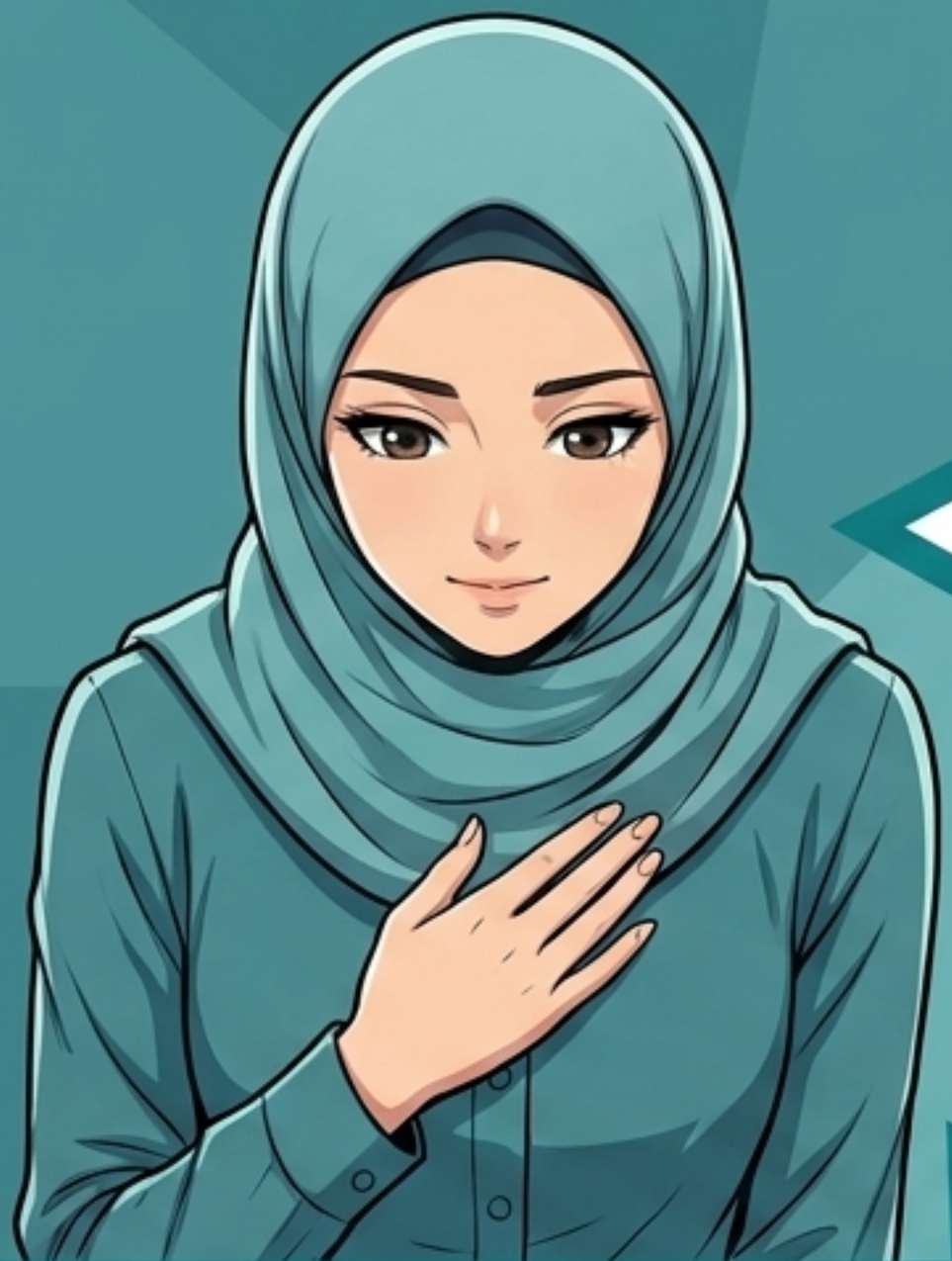
Task Accomplished!

「ピザをぜんぶ
しまいました。」



The '100% Cleared' Rule: When you use it for completion, 'Shimaimashita' means there is absolutely nothing left. 'I ate all the pizza', 'I read the whole book'. It's a great way to emphasize that a task is fully cleared!

Raya's Hack: The Apology Combo



「すみません、～て
しまいました。」
(Pair it with **Sumimasen!**)

This is a super important communication hack! When you make a mistake, don't just say '**Wasuremashita**' (I forgot). Say '**Sumimasen, wasurete shimaimashita**' (I'm sorry, I accidentally forgot). It shows you truly regret your mistake!

Don't do this!

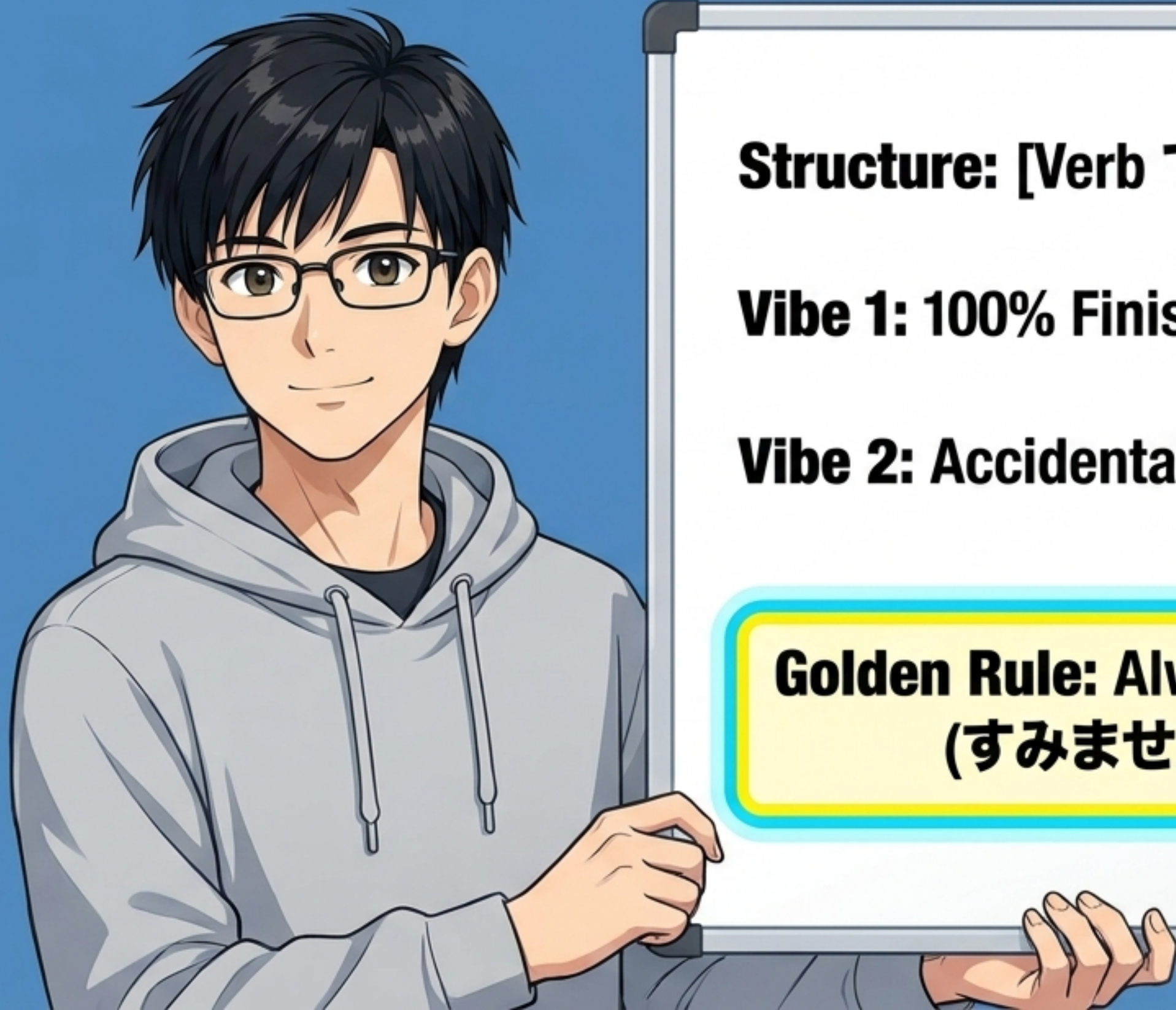
「おくりました。」
(Okuremashita / I was late)

✗ Sounding like you
don't care!

Joy! If you just use the simple past tense when you do something wrong, you sound like you don't care at all! To show you feel bad about being late, you **MUST** use the 'Shimaimashita' form: '**Okurete shimaimashita**'.



Summary Cheat Sheet



Structure: [Verb て-form] + しまいました。

Vibe 1: 100% Finished (Positive accomplishment).

Vibe 2: Accidental / Mistake (Negative regret).

Golden Rule: Always use it when apologizing!
(すみません、～てしまいました).