

# The Master Plan: Verb (Dict/Nai form) + つもりです

I intend to / I plan to (強い意志と予定)

Where are  
you going?!

# From a **Wish** to a **Solid Plan**

**A**



「日本へ **いきたい**です。」  
(I want to go to Japan - Just a wish/desire)

**B**



「日本へ **いくつもり**です。」  
(I intend to go to Japan - A decided plan)



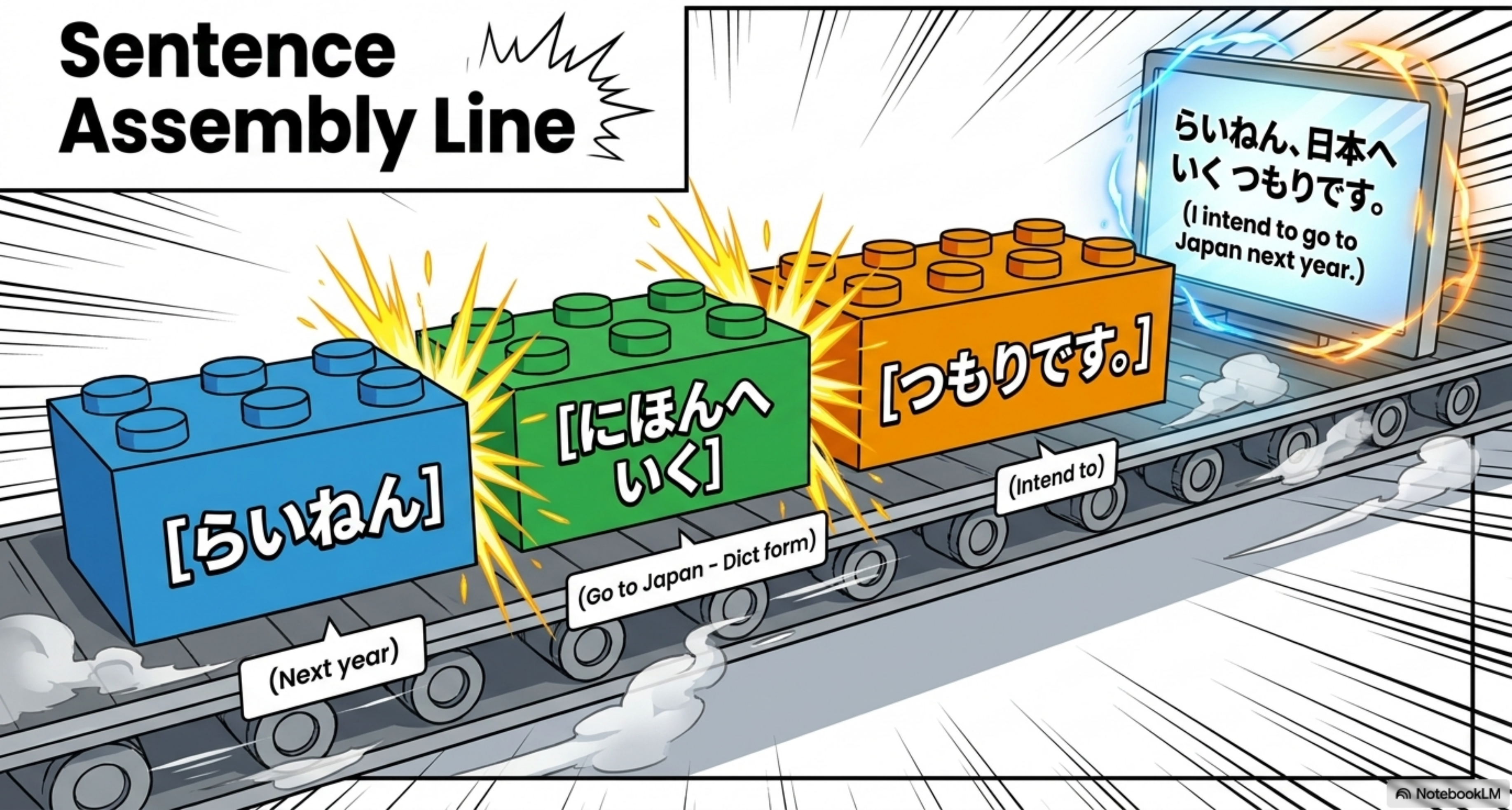
In N5, you learned ‘～たい (I want to)’. But what if you’ve actually made up your mind? ‘Tsumori desu’ means ‘I intend to’ or ‘I plan to’. It shows that you have thought about it and made a solid decision!

# The Mind Bubble: How to Build It

Dict form OR Nai form + つもりです



# Sentence Assembly Line



# Raya's Hack: The Negative Intention



**V-ない + つもりです (I intend NOT to...)**

How do you say you plan not to do something? Just use the negative 'Nai-form'! For example, 'I plan NOT to drink today' is 'Nomanai tsumori desu'. (Pro-tip: 'Iku tsumori wa arimasen' means 'I have NO intention to go'—which is much stronger!)

# DANGER ZONE: Don't do this!



## ✗ Don't use it for the Boss!

Joy, danger! 'Tsumori' describes what is inside someone's mind. You cannot state the inner plans of your boss, teacher, or customer. As it sounds arrogant, as if you can read their mind. Only use it for yourself (or to ask a friend: 'Nani o suru tsumori desu ka?').



# JLPT N4 Master Cheat Sheet



**Structure:** [Verb Dict / Nai form] + つもりです。

**Meaning:** I intend to / I plan to.

**Positive Example:**

かう つもりです

(I plan to buy).

**Negative Example:**

かわない つもりです

(I plan NOT to buy).



**Golden Rule:** Don't use it to describe a superior's plan!