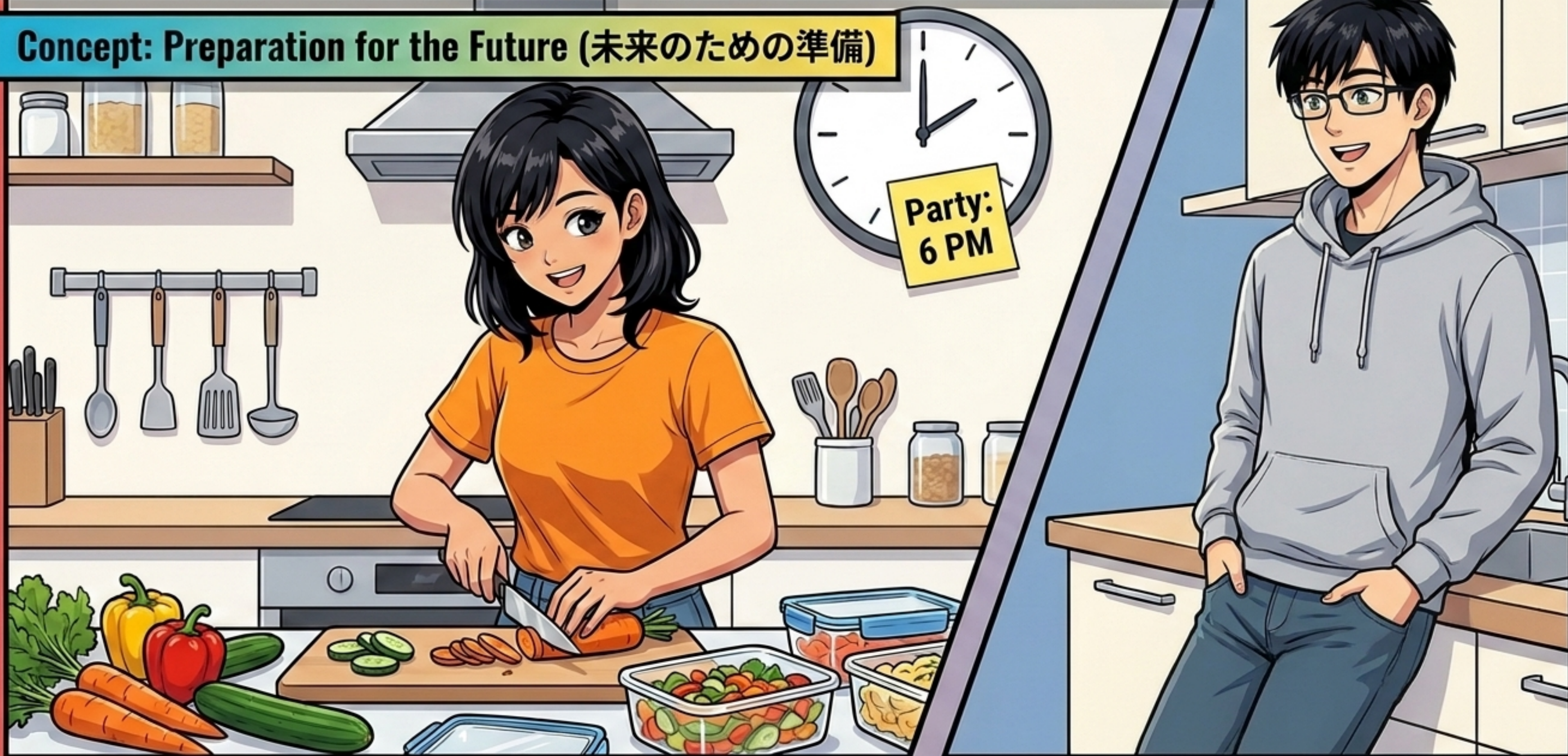


Verb て + おきます (To do something in advance)

Concept: Preparation for the Future (未来のための準備)



Action Now → Benefit Later

A Preparation



B Maintenance



Doing it in advance.

'Te-okimasu' is all about thinking ahead. It means you perform an action now so that you are prepared for a future event, or you do something to keep a situation in a good state. It's the 'Just in case' grammar!



Te-form + おきます

かう

かって

[おきます]

The rule is simple: Te-form + Okimasu. In casual speech, Japanese people often shorten this to '〜とく' (toku), like 'Kattoku' instead of 'Katte oku'. You'll hear this everywhere in Japan!

Sentence Assembly

MOTIVIING GYM

LEARNING GYM

ASSEMBLE!

SNAP!

SNAP!

[パーティーの
まえに]
(Before the party)

[のみものを]
(Drinks)

[かって]
(Buy - Te-form)

[おきます。]
(Will do in advance)

CLICK!

パーティーのまえにのみものをかっておきます。
(I will buy drinks in advance before the party.)



“Leave it as it is”

**Keep the
status quo!**

Besides preparation, '**te-okimasu**' can mean 'to leave something as it is' for a future purpose. For example, if you leave the light on because your friend is coming home soon, you say '**Tsukete okimasu**'. You are maintaining the state for later!

✖ Preparation vs. Accidents



Joy! You only use 'te-okimasu' for intentional, helpful actions. You can't use it for accidents or bad things like being late or losing your wallet. Use 'te-shimaimasu' for those! 'Te-okimasu' is for being proactive and helpful.

Summary: Te-okimasu Cheat Sheet



Structure: [Verb て-form] + おきます。

Meaning 1: Preparation (Doing X in advance).

Meaning 2: Maintenance (Leaving X as it is).

Common Pairing: ~のまえに (Before ~).

Casual form: ~とく (e.g., Kattoku).