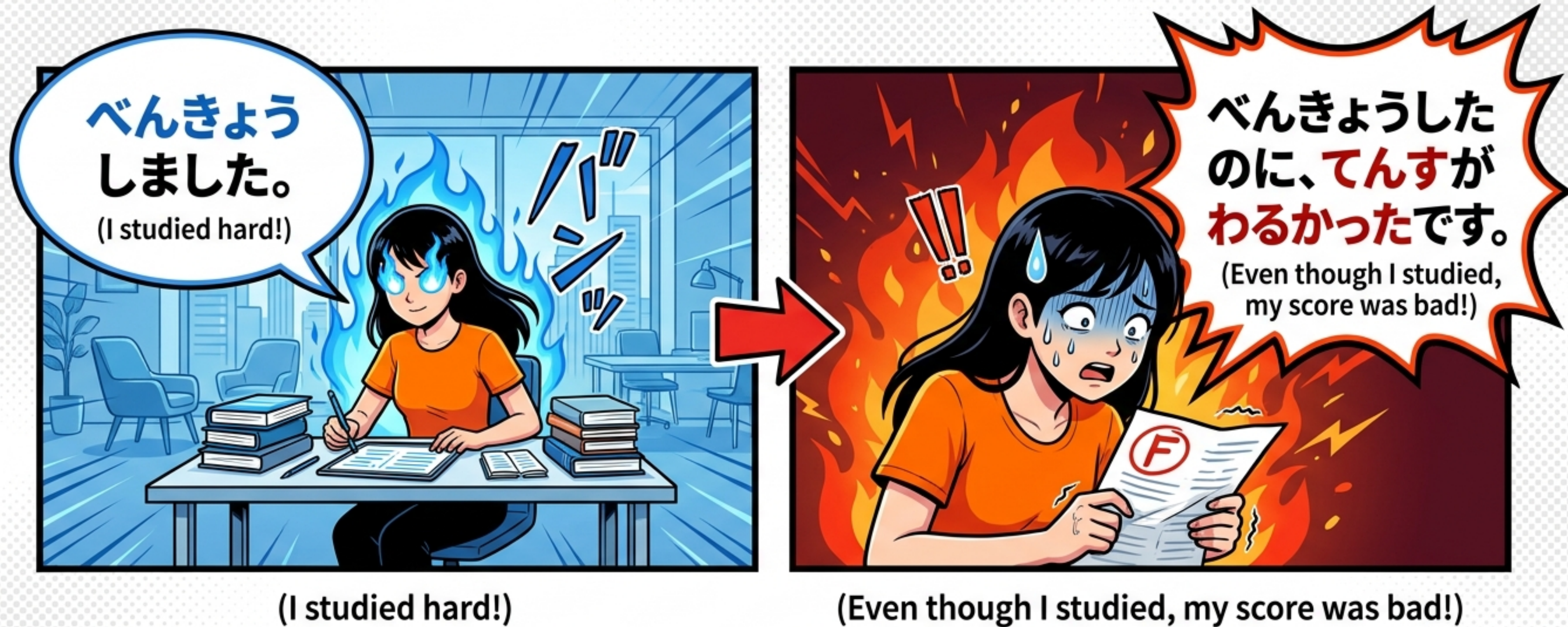


Verb (Plain Form) + のに

Even though / Although [Verb]





In N5, we used 'kedo' for simple contrast. But in N4, when what actually happened contradicts what you expected—especially when you feel disappointed—you use '**NONI**'!

The Expectation Barrier

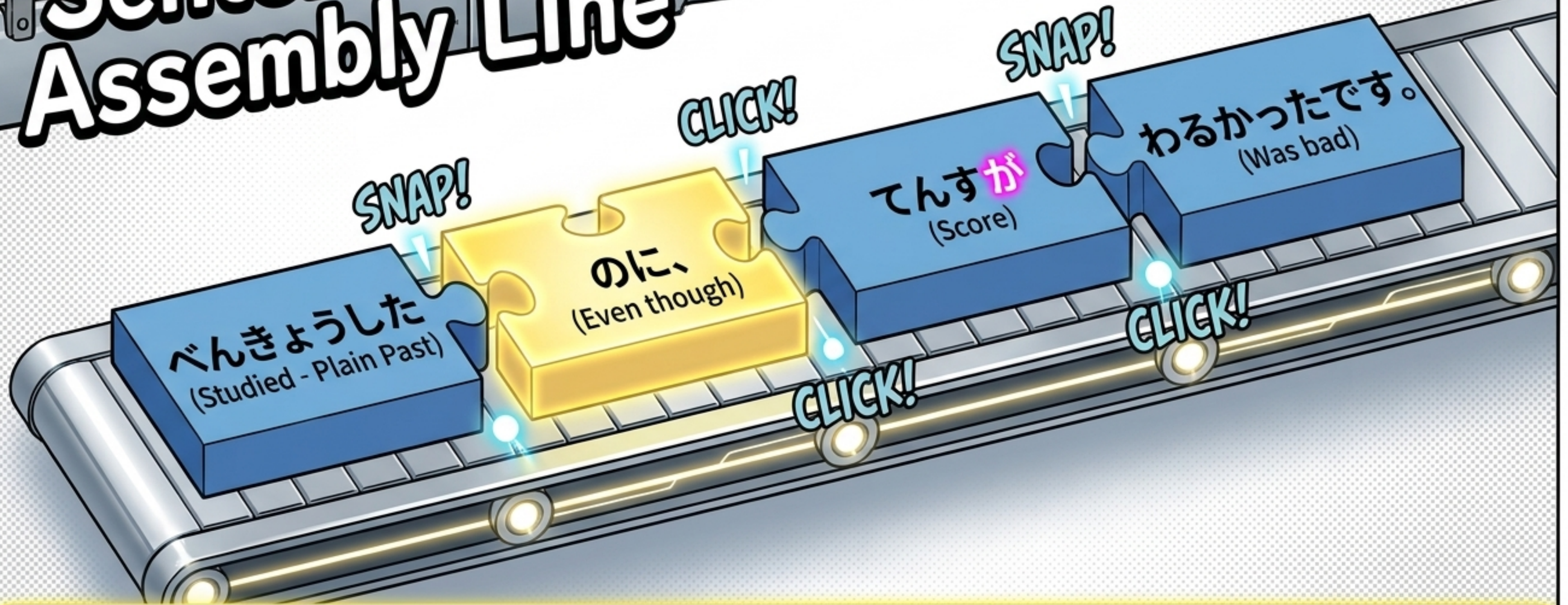
Success

べんきょうした
(Studied)

のに

Connecting verbs to 'NONI' is easy!
Take any verb in its Plain Form (Short form)—
whether present, past, or negative—and
attach 'NONI' directly to the wall!

Sentence Assembly Line



べんきょうした **のに、** てん**が** わるかったです。
(Even though I studied, my score was bad.)

Raya's Hack: Kedo vs. Noni

NONI carries strong feelings!

The Neutral Zone

けど
(Neutral "but")

くすりを のんだ けど、なおりません。
(I took medicine, but I didn't get better.)

The Emotional Zone

のに
(Frustrated "even though")

くすりを のんだ のに、なおりません!
(Even though I took medicine, I'm still not better!)

While 'kedo' is a neutral 'but', 'noni' carries an emotional punch of disappointment, complaint, or surprise!

The Common Mistake!



⚠ Warning: Never use Polite Form (ます/ました) before のに!

Rule: The clause coming before *noni* MUST be in the Short / Plain Form.

○ Correct: はやく おきた **のに**、でんしゃにおくれました。

Mission Complete: Cheat Sheet



Structure:	[Verb Plain Form] + のに。	
Meaning:	Even though / Although [Verb]...	
Emotional Tone:	Frustration, disappointment, complaint, or surprise.	
 Golden Rule: Always use Short / Plain Form before のに (Never ます/ました)!		
Quick Examples		
べんきょうした のに (Even though I studied)		やくそくした のに (Even though we promised)