



Concept: Perceived Recency
(主観的直後・出来立て)

'Just Happened' in YOUR Mind

「にほんにきたばかりです。」

I just came to Japan! (Actually 1 month ago!)

Even if you moved to Japan a month ago, if it still feels brand new to you, you use '**TA BAKARI**'!

「たべたばかりです。」

I just ate! (Actually 5 minutes ago!)



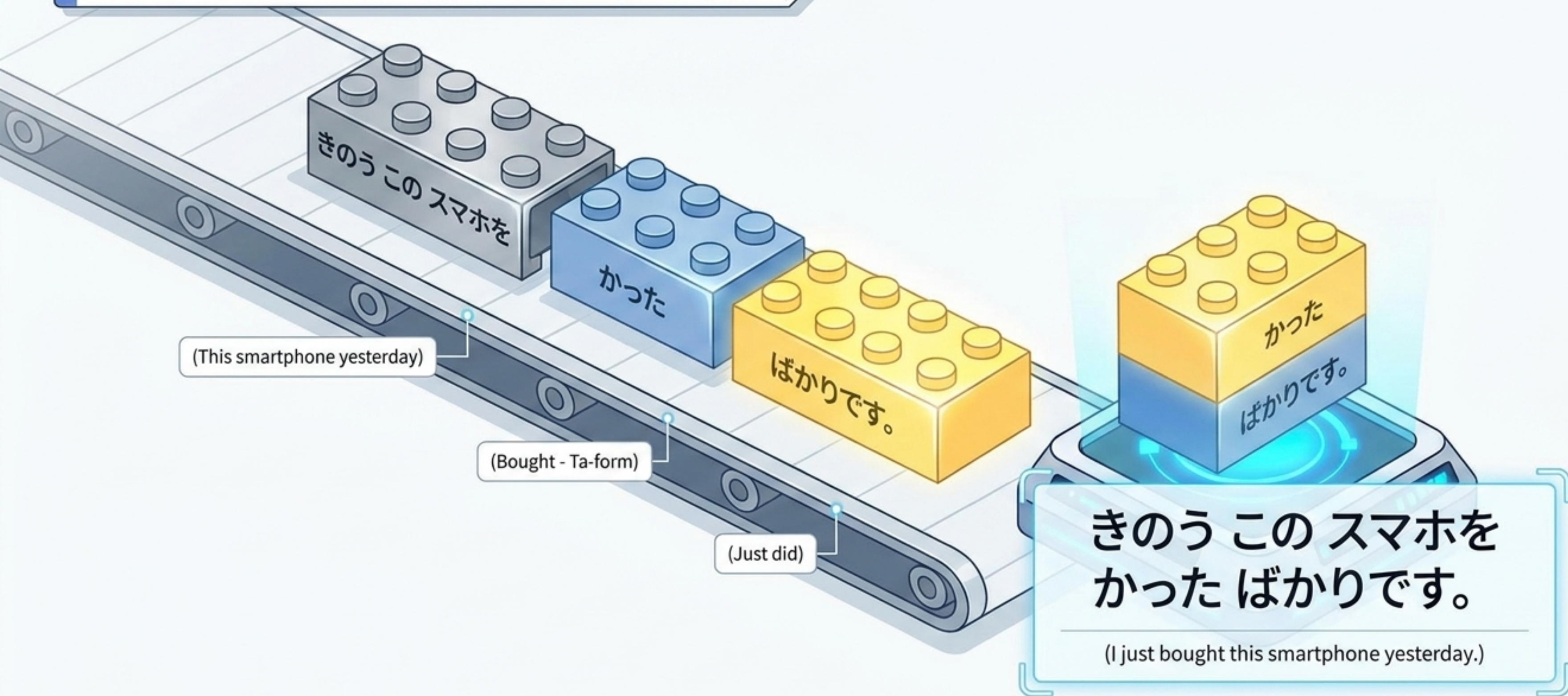
The 'Freshly Baked' Stamp

Verb **た-form** + **ばかりです**



The rule is super clean! Put your verb into the past-tense **た-form**, then attach "**bakari desu**".

Sentence Build Assembly



Raya's Hack



たっところ (ta-tokoro)
-> Clock Time
(Strictly seconds/minutes ago)

たばかり (ta-bakari)
-> Mind Time
(Feels recent, can be weeks
or months!)

Ta-tokoro is strict clock time. But ta-bakari is mind time!
You can say it even after 2 months if it feels brand new!

Don't do this!



詞典形
Form

「かう
ばかりです!」

✗ Using Dictionary Form before ばかり

Joy! Dict-form + bakari means "all I do is buy"!
You MUST use the past-tense た-form (katta)!

○ スマホを 買った ばかりです



Core System Cheat Sheet



Structure: [Verb た-form] + ばかりです。

Meaning: Just finished doing [Verb] / Have just done [Verb].

Key Feature: Expresses subjective recency (feels brand new to the speaker).

⚠ Grammar Warning: Always use Verb-た form! (Dict-form means "doing nothing but").