

Verb (dict. form) + ところです

About to do [Verb]

Imminent Action
& T-Minus Zero!

00:00:00

ACTION

RULE

T-Minus Zero: The Moment **BEFORE** Action Starts



In Japanese, *tokoro* pinpoints an exact moment in time.
Dictionary Form + *tokoro desu* = the exact second right before an action begins!

The Action Launchpad

でかける
(Go out)

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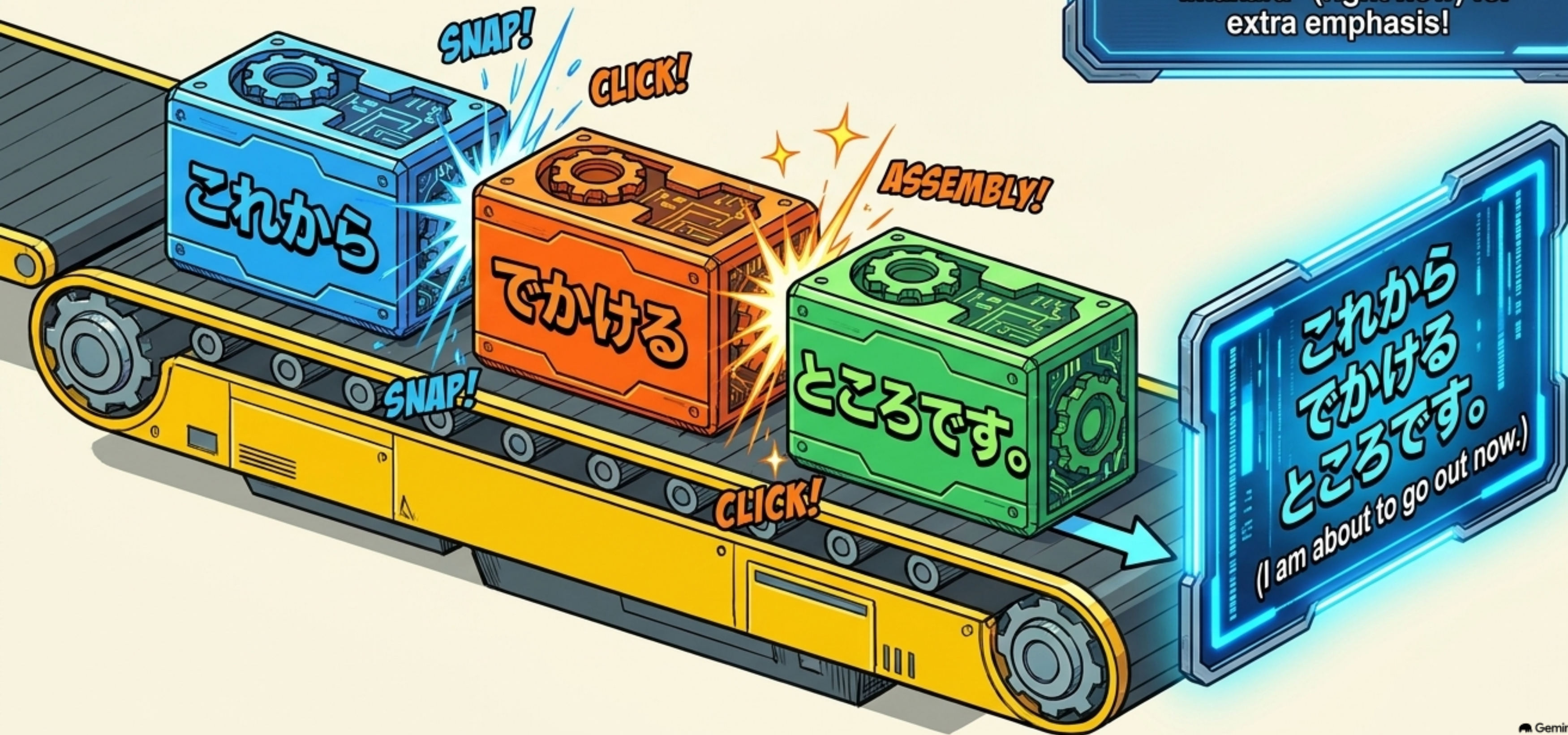


ところです

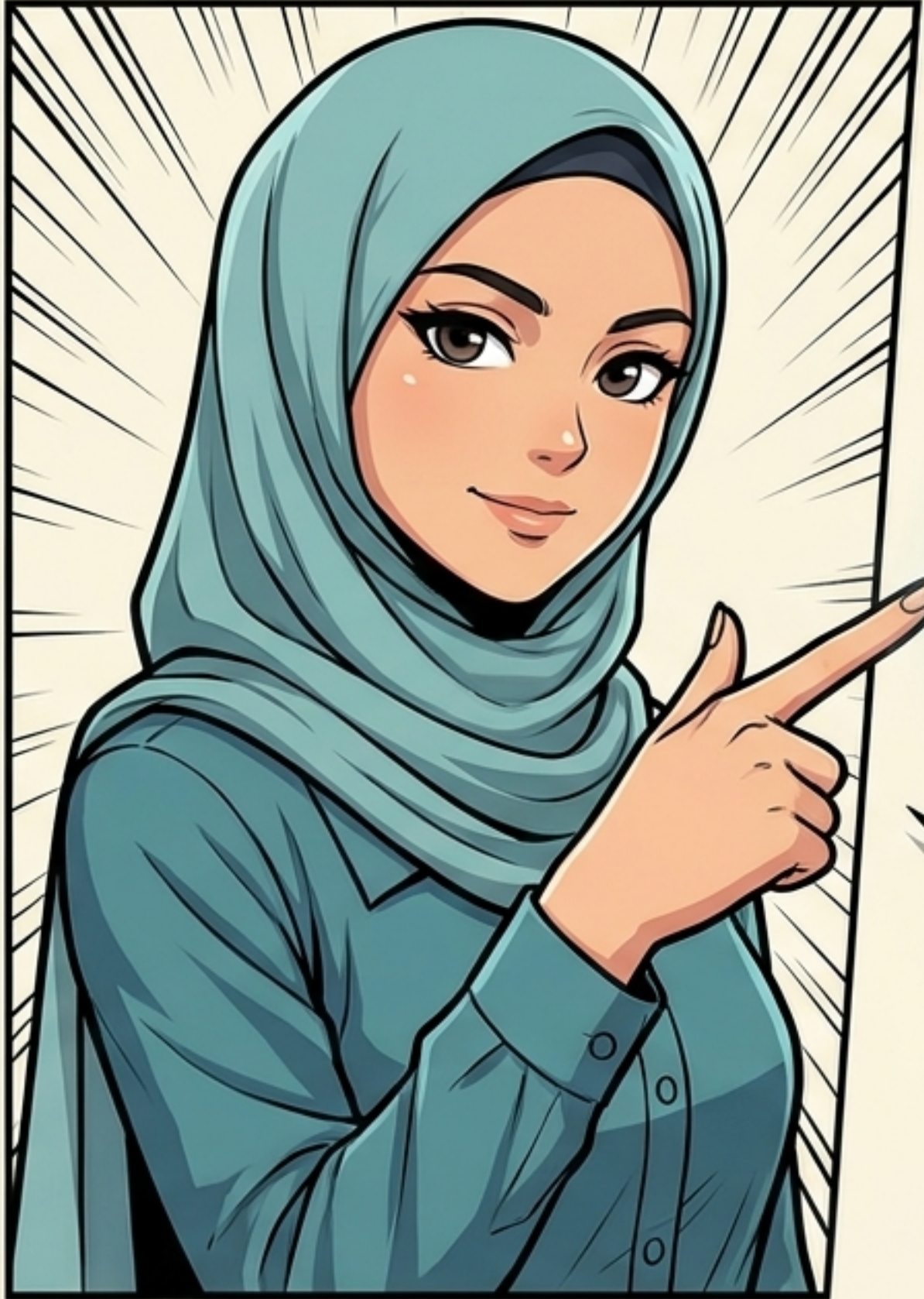
The structure is super clean! Just take any verb in its Dictionary Form (Plain present) and attach 'tokoro desu'.

“Sentence Assembly Line”

Pair it with time adverbs like “korekara” (from now) or “imakara” (right now) for extra emphasis!



Raya's Hack: The 3-Stage Timeline



[0%]
食べる
ところです (Dict)
➡ About to start!

[50%]
食べている
ところです (~Te iru)
➡ In the middle of doing!

[100%]
食べた
ところです (~Ta)
➡ Just finished!



Tokoro acts like a timeline camera!
By changing the verb form before 'tokoro', you control the exact stage of the action.

Don't Do This!

「いま たべる
ところです!」
(I'm about to eat!)

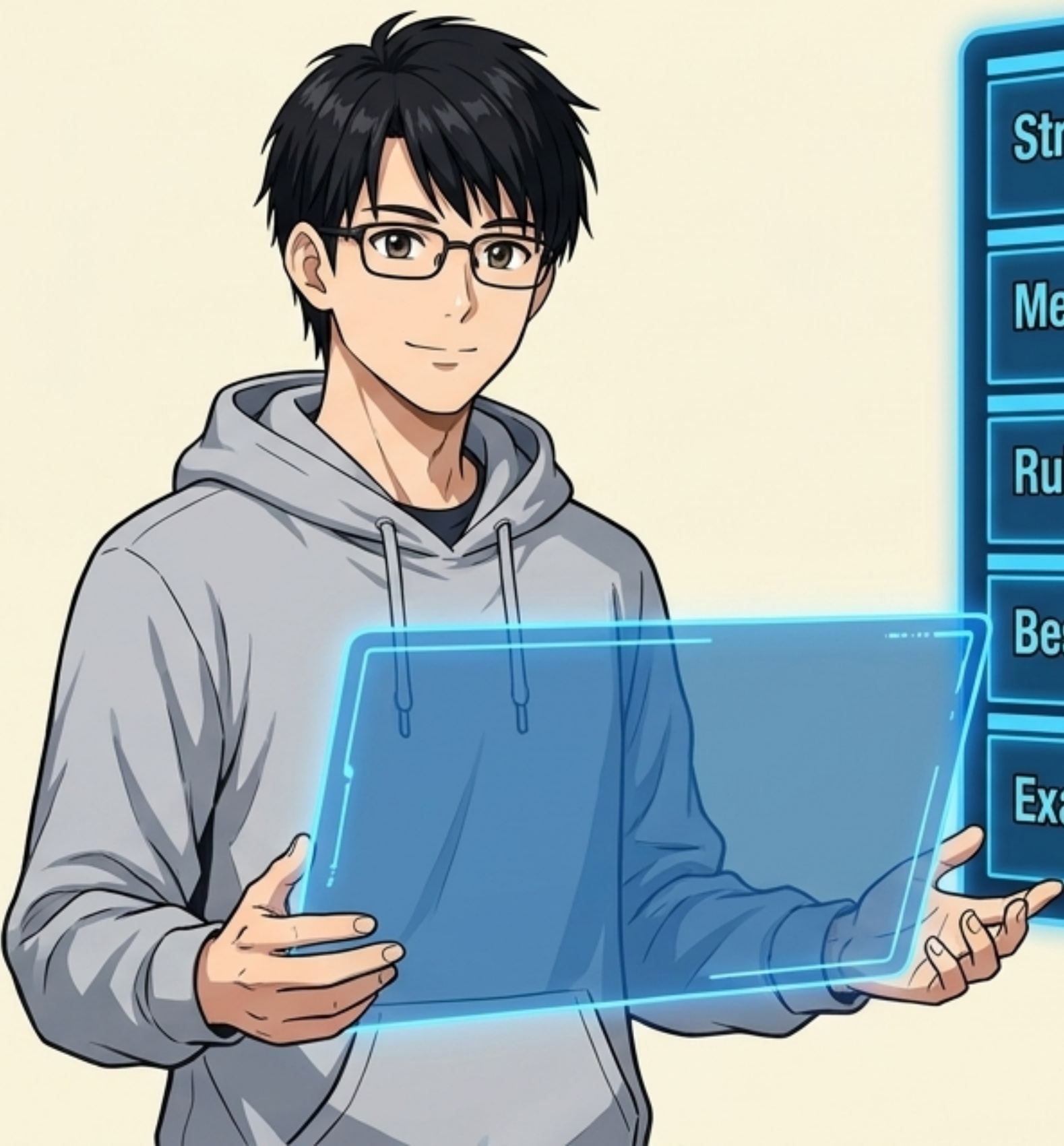


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✗ Using Dict Form while **ALREADY** performing the action!

Joy, you're chewing! *Dict Form* + *tokoro* means you haven't taken a single bite yet. You must use the *~te iru* form:

○ いま **たべている** ところです (I am in the middle of eating).

Grammar Cheat Sheet



Structure: Verb Dict Form + ところです。

Meaning: About to do / On the verge of doing [Verb].

Rule: Action has NOT started yet (T-minus 0 seconds).

Best Partners: これから (from now), いまから (right now).

Examples: たべる ところです (About to eat), でかける ところです (About to go out).