



Mastering the
exact moment an
action finishes.

Verb た + ところ です (Just finished!)

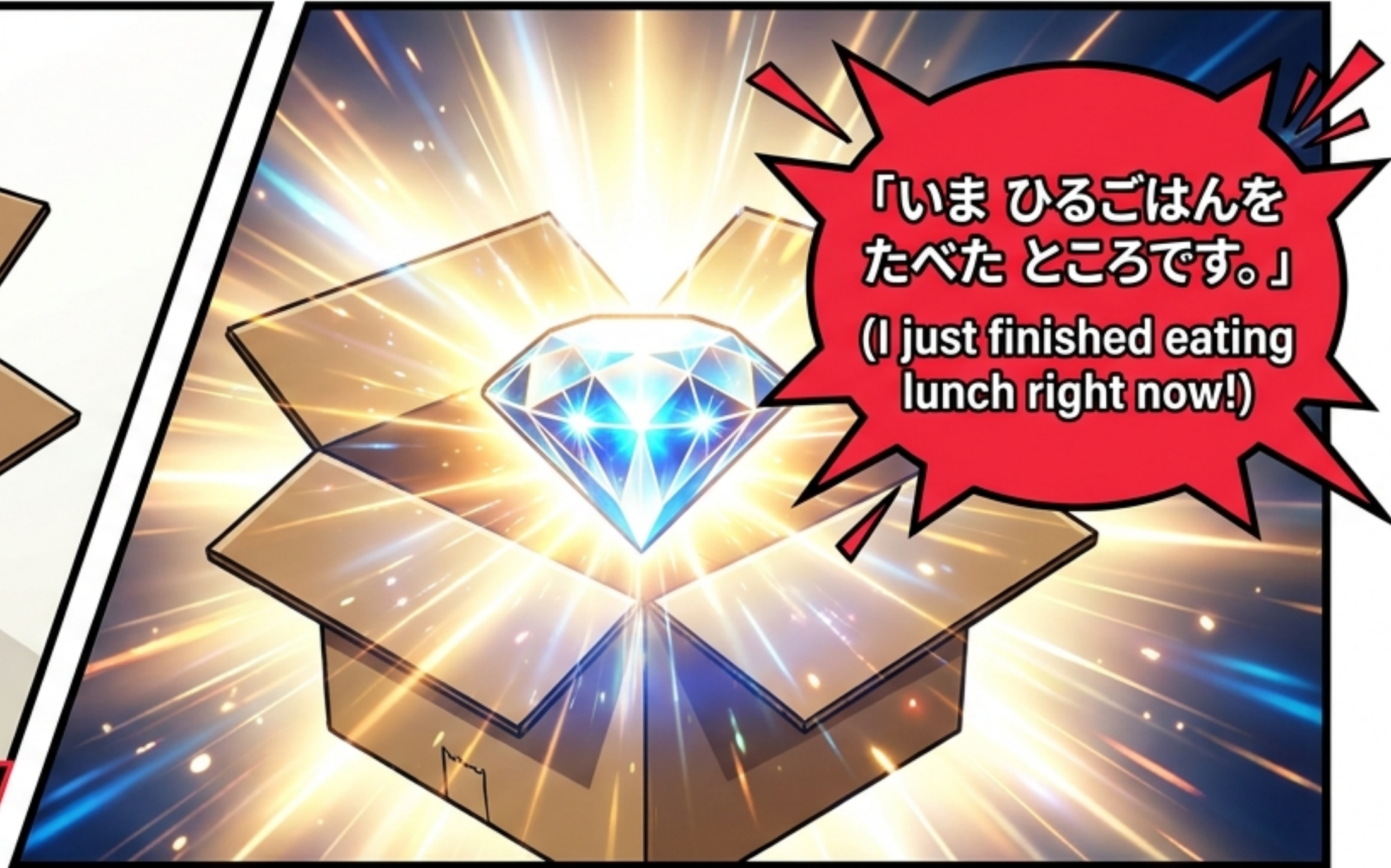
Concept: Action Completion &
Objective Recency (直後の段階)

T-Plus Zero: The Moment **AFTER** Action Finishes

BEFORE (UNFINISHED)



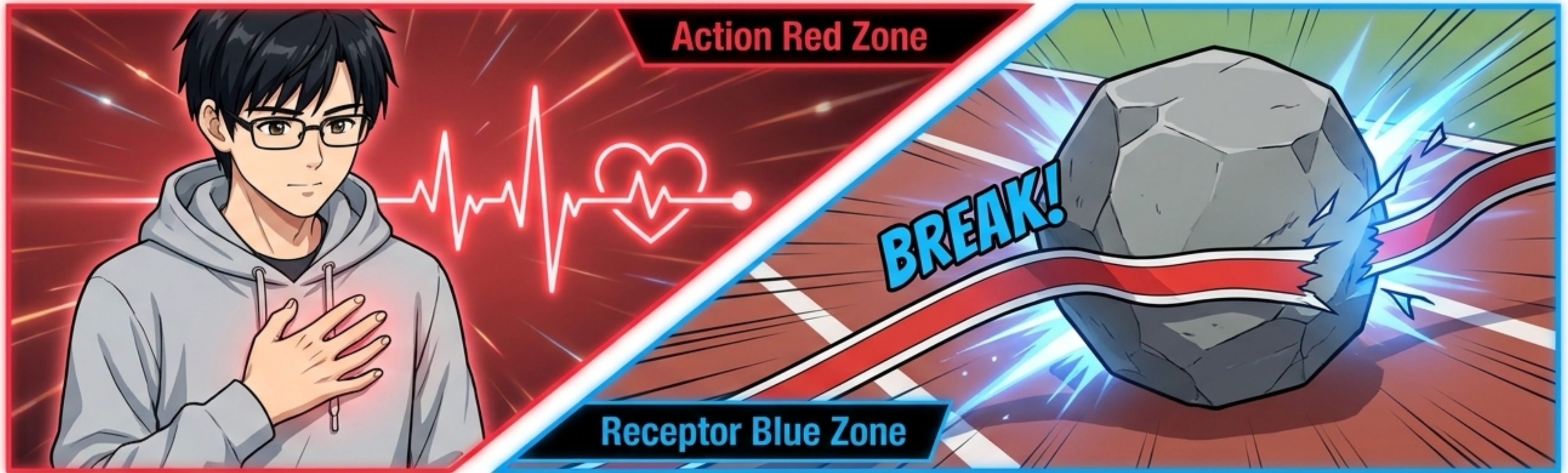
AFTER (COMPLETED & ACQUIRED)



Ken's Note: When you attach the Verb *た*-form to *tokoro desu*, it pinpoints that an action finished just seconds or minutes ago. You have "acquired" the completed state!

The “Finish Line” Metaphor

Verb た-form + ところです



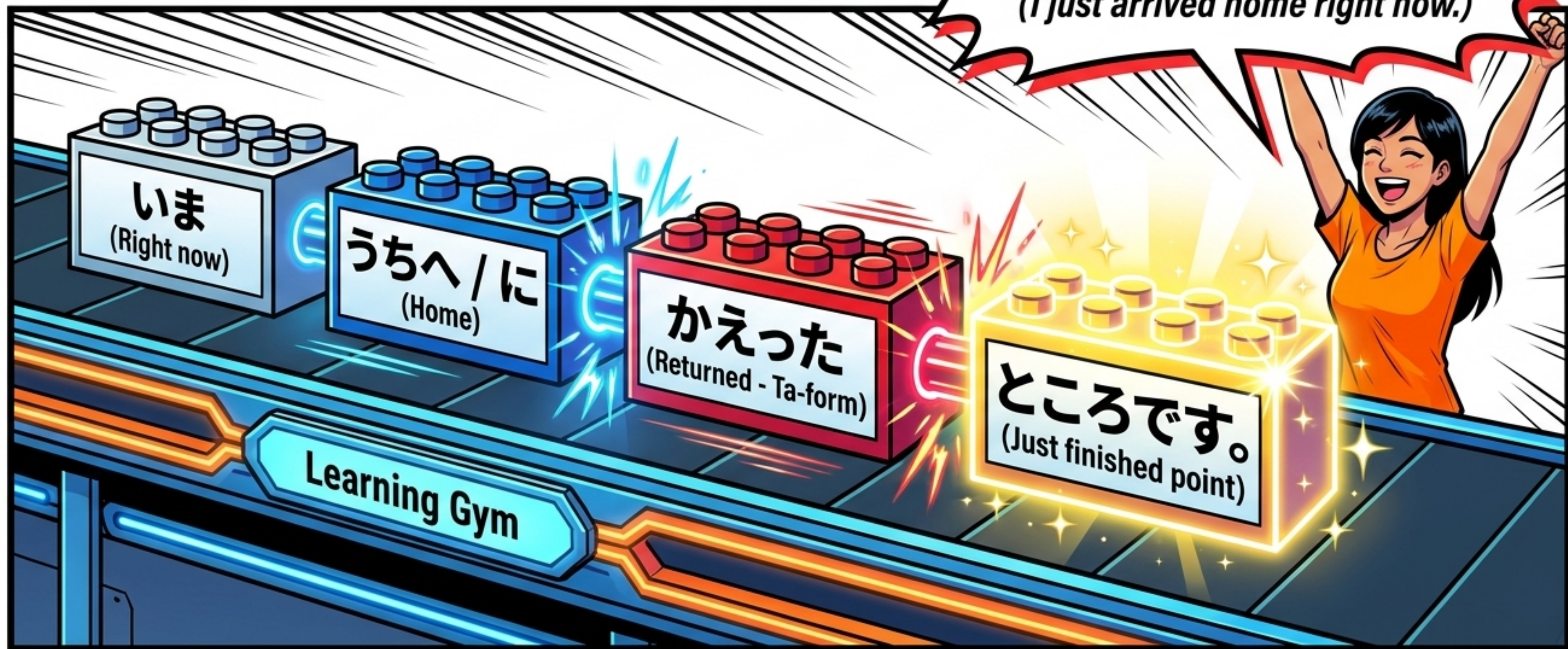
Raya:

Take your verb, put it into the past-tense た-form, and attach ‘tokoro desu’. It marks the exact instant right after an action reaches 100% completion!

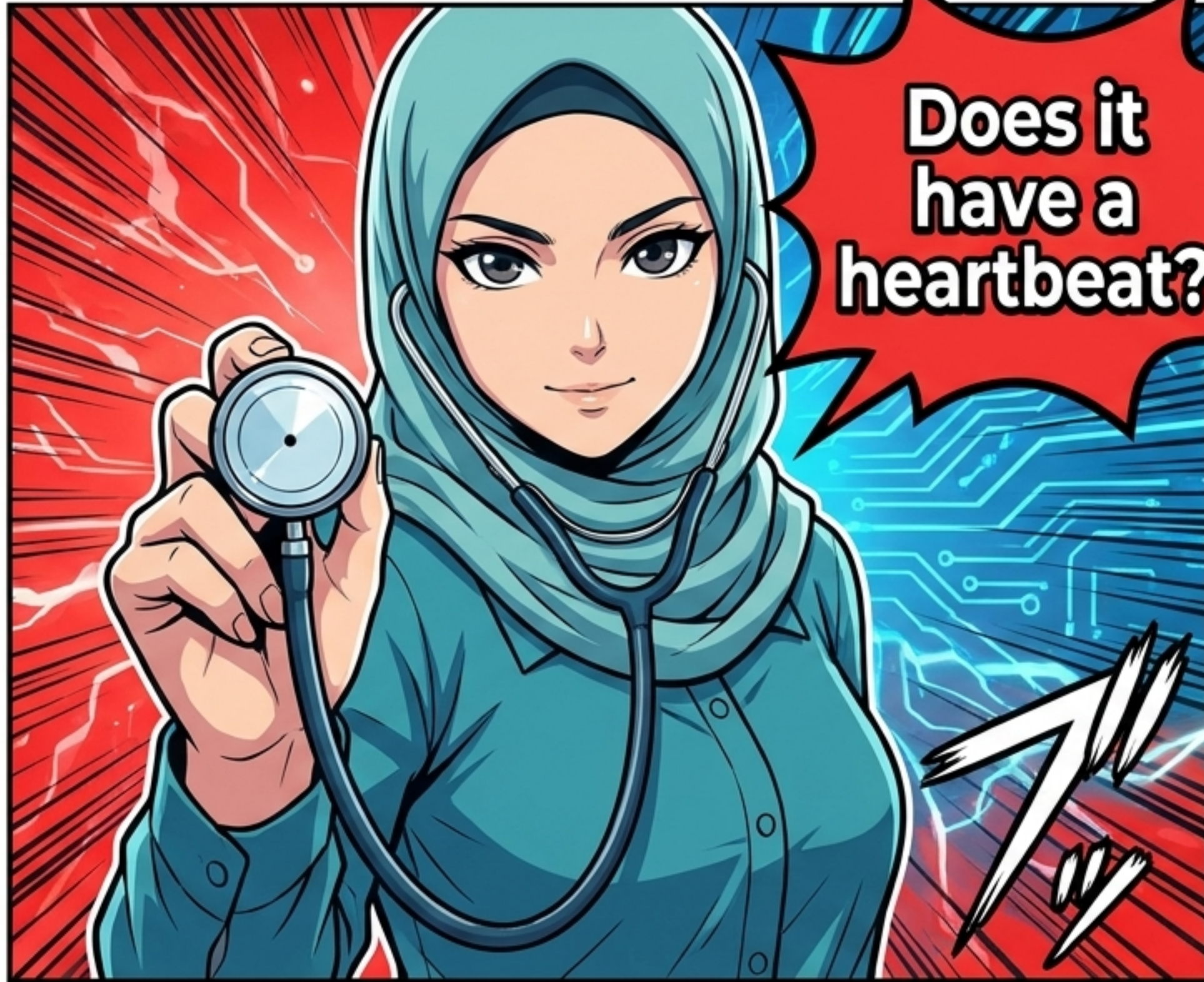
Sentence Assembly

いま うちへ かえった
ところです。

(I just arrived home right now.)



Raya's Hack



たところ vs. たばかり

たところ :



Objective
Seconds
(Zero Heartbeat)

たばかり :



Subjective
Perception
(Has a Heartbeat)

Both mean "just finished".
But ~*ta tokoro* is strict objective
clock time (literally just now).
~*ta bakari* is subjective mind time.
If you moved to Japan 2 months ago,
you can't use *tokoro*, but if it still "feels"
recent to your heart, use *bakari*!

Don't do this!

「いま たべる
ところです!」



✗ Using Dict Form AFTER finishing the action.

Joy! [Dict Form] + tokoro desu means you are ABOUT to eat. Since you already finished, you must use the past-tense:

○ いま ひるごはんを
たべた ところです。

Mission Clear: Cheat Sheet

Structure: Verb た-form + ところです。

Meaning: Just finished doing [Verb] (seconds/minutes ago).

Distinction:

- ~**ta tokoro** = Strict clock time (just now).
- ~**ta bakari** = Subjective feeling (feels brand new/heartbeat).

Examples:

- たべた ところです (Just finished eating)
- ついた ところです (Just arrived)