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SAID...?

**REALLY?!**

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## Personal Hearsay & Reporting Information (伝聞・直接聴取)

TELL ME  
MORE!

DID YOU  
HEAR...?

# Plain Form とききました

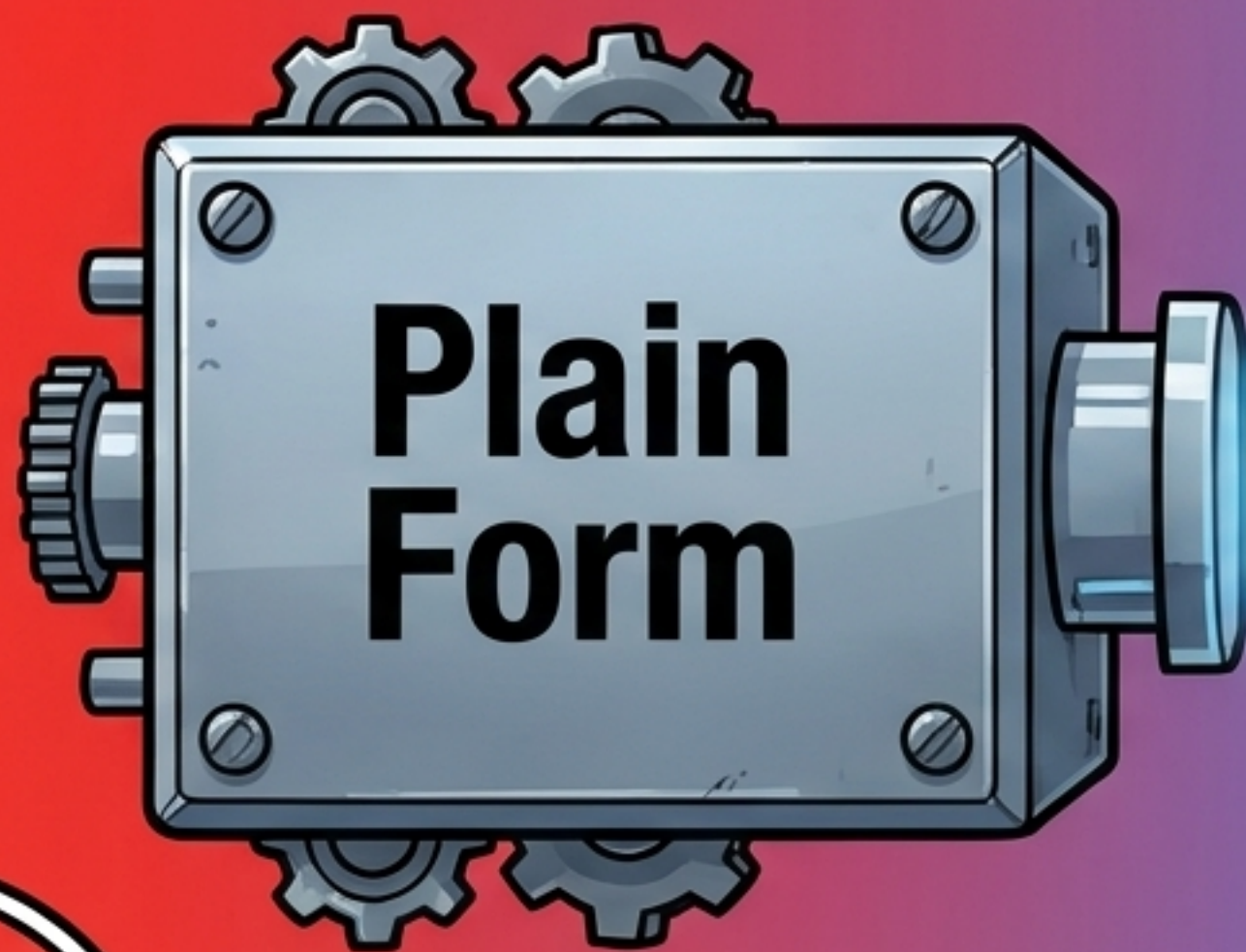
**(I heard that [Plain form]  
//I was told that...)**

# Reporting Specific Information You Personally Heard



When you hear news, a fact, or an update directly from a person or specific source, you wrap the message in its Plain Form and attach 'TO KIKIMASHITA'. You can also mention who you heard it from using [Person] に / から!

# THE QUOTATION LISTENER ENGINE

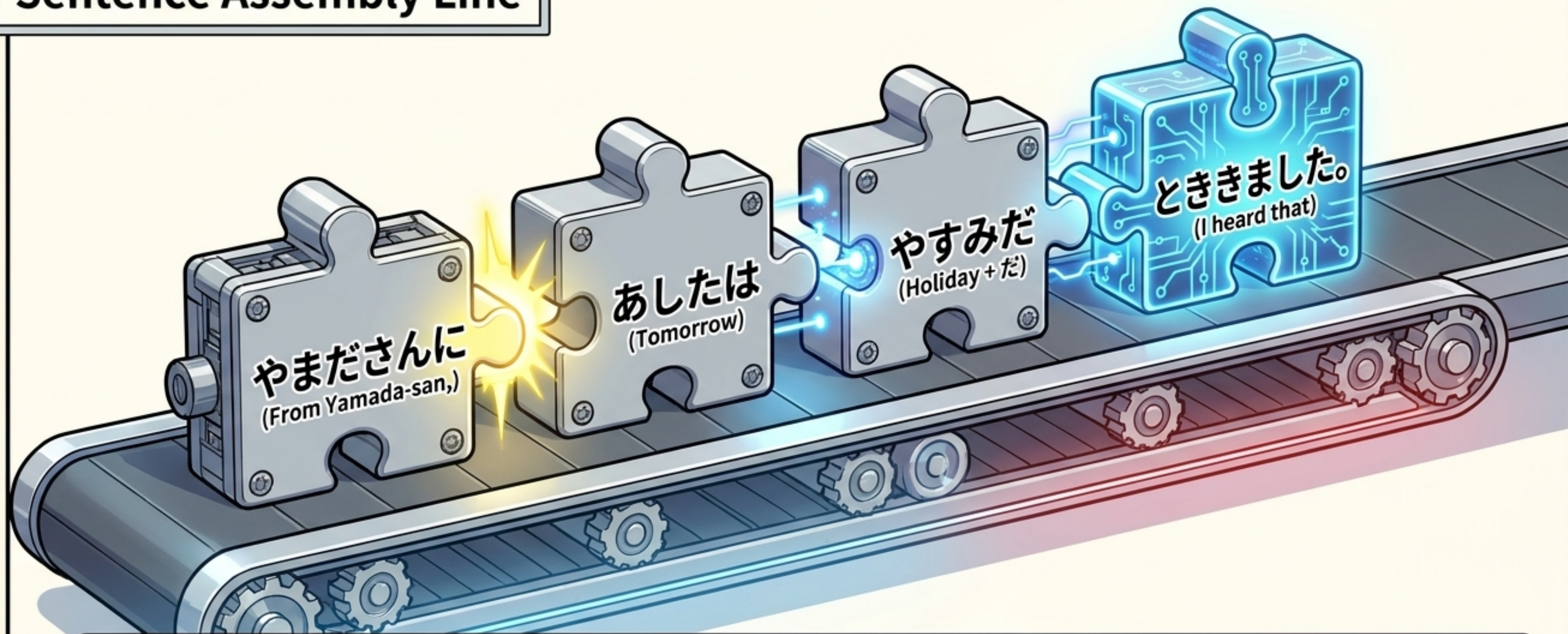


とききました



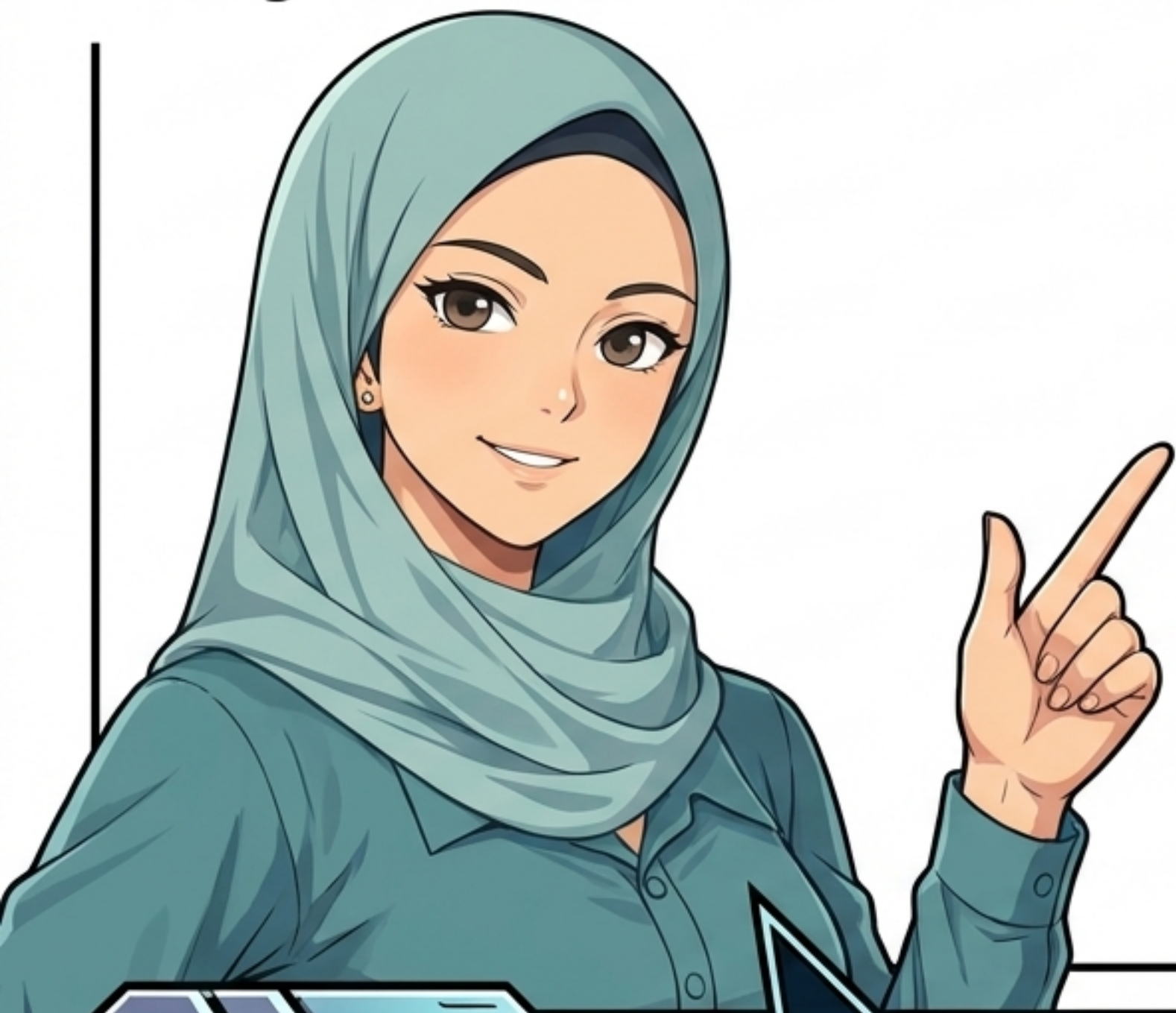
The rule is simple! Wrap the sentence in its short Plain Form and attach "TO KIKIMASHITA". Remember that present affirmative Na-adjectives and Nouns require their plain copula "DA" before "TO": shizuka DA to kikimashita, yasumi DA to kikimashita!

## Sentence Assembly Line



やまださんに、あしたは やすみだ とききました。  
(I heard from Yamada-san that tomorrow is a holiday.)

# Raya's Hack: ~とききました vs. ~そうです



## ~とききました (Direct Hearing)

Personal hearing ("I personally heard from [X] that...")



## ~そうです (General Hearsay)

General reported hearsay ("They say that / It is reported that...")



Here is Raya's Hack! While both express hearsay, 'TO KIKIMASHITA' emphasizes that you personally heard it from someone (often paired with [Person] に / から). 'SOU DESU' is more general reported speech.

**Don't do this! ✕ Dropping “だ” for Nouns and Na-adjectives in present affirmative.**

「やすみ  
とききました！」



Joy, don't forget the plain copula 'da'! Just like with 'sou desu', Nouns and Na-adjectives in present affirmative tense **MUST** include 'da' before 'to kikimashita'.

○ あしたはやすみだとききました  
(I heard tomorrow is a holiday).



# Summary Cheat Sheet

**Structure:** Plain Form + **とききました。**

**Meaning:** I heard that [Plain form] / I was told that...

**Source Particle:** [Person] **に / から とききました**  
(Heard from [Person]).

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**Plain Form Connection:**

**Verb:** くる **とききました**

**い-adj:** おいしい **とききました**

**な-adj:** しずかだ **とききました**

**Noun:** やすみだ **とききました**