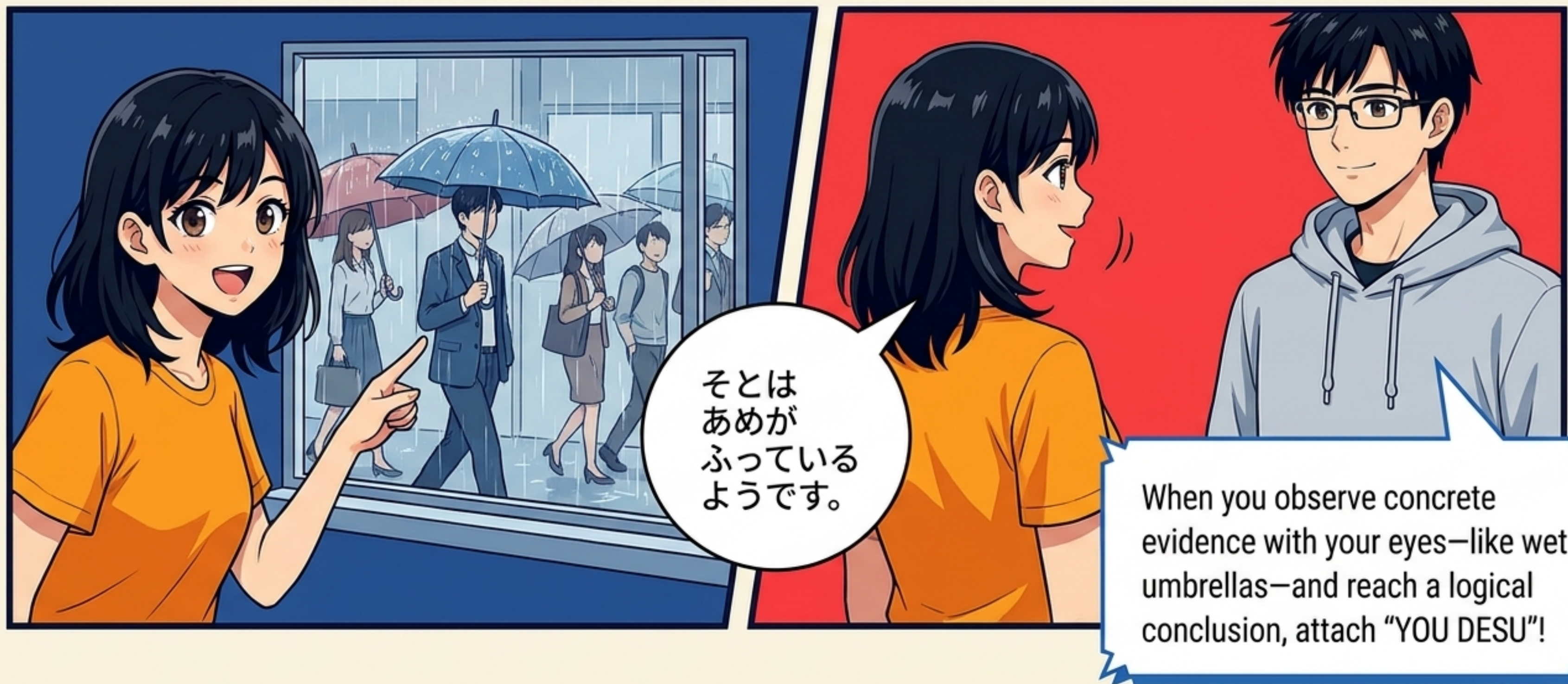


# Verb (plain form) + ようです

Observation-Based Deduction (状況からの推測)



# Visual Clues ➡ Logical Deduction



# The 'How': The Observation Lens

Verb Plain Form + ようです

ふっている

かえった

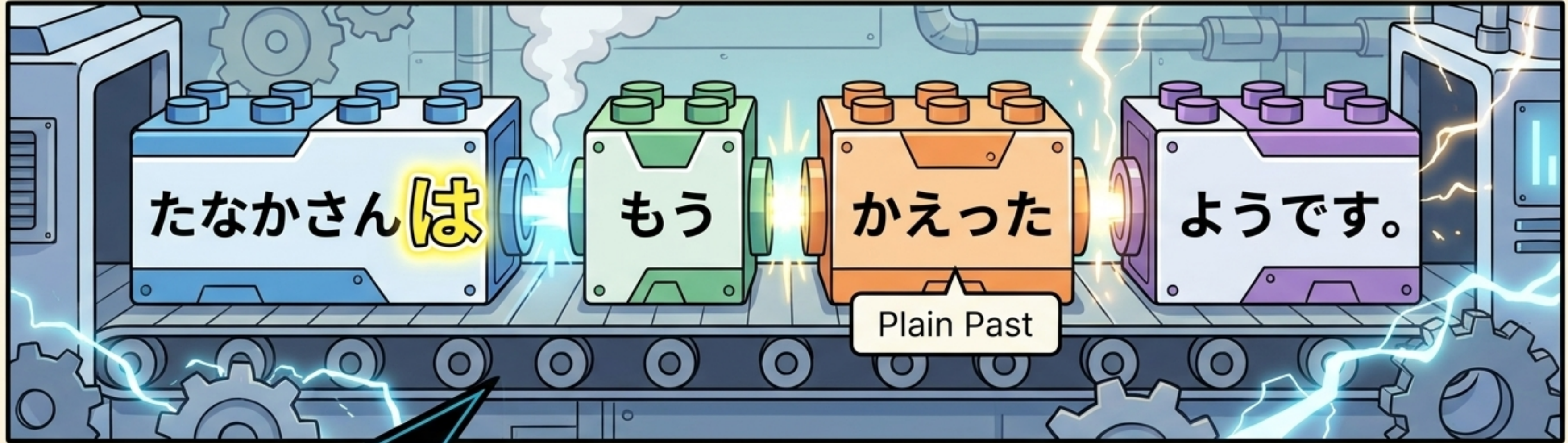
ようです

ふっているようです

かえったようです

Keep the verb in its **Plain/Short Form**  
(Present continuous, Past, or Negative)  
and attach "**YOU DESU**".

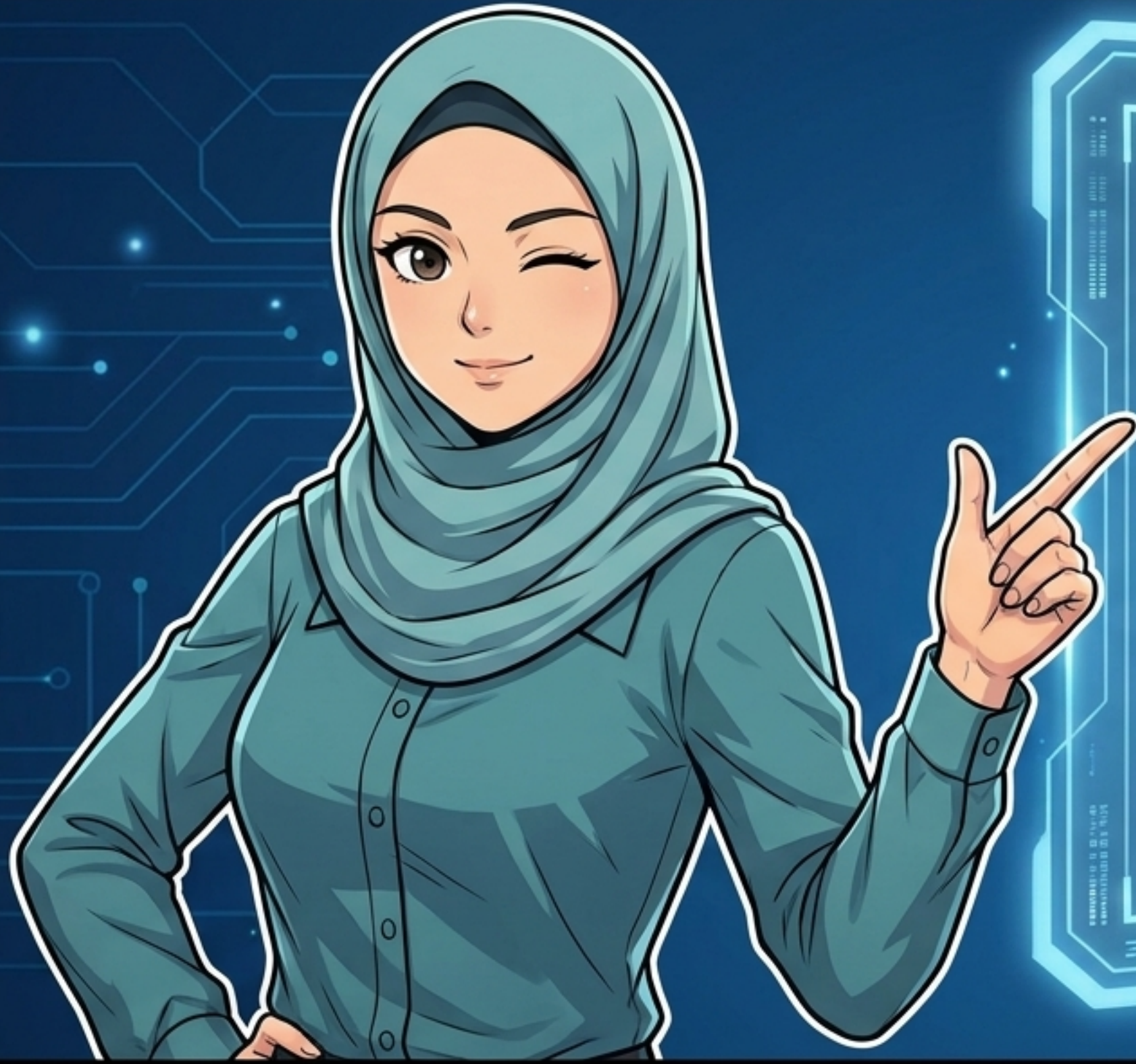
# Sentence Assembly



たなかさんは もう かえった ようです。

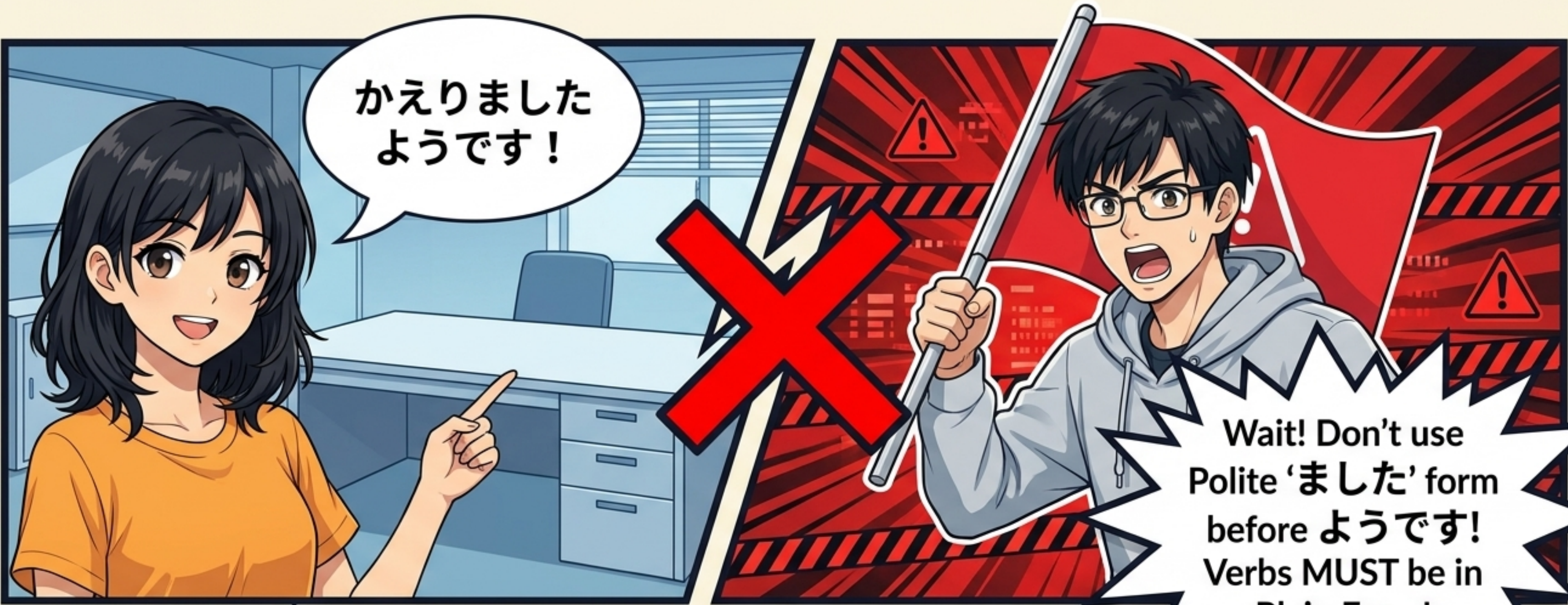
(It seems that Tanaka-san has already gone home.)

# Raya's Master Hack: The 3 Types of "Seems"



|                               |   |                                                                                |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ふり<br>そうです<br>(Masu-stem)     | = | Instant visual impression<br>("Looks about to rain"<br>[seeing dark clouds]).  |
| ふる<br>そうです<br>(Plain form)    | = | Second-hand hearsay<br>("I heard it will rain").                               |
| ふっている<br>ようです<br>(Plain form) | = | Circumstantial deduction<br>("Seems to be raining"<br>[seeing wet umbrellas]). |

# Don't Do This!



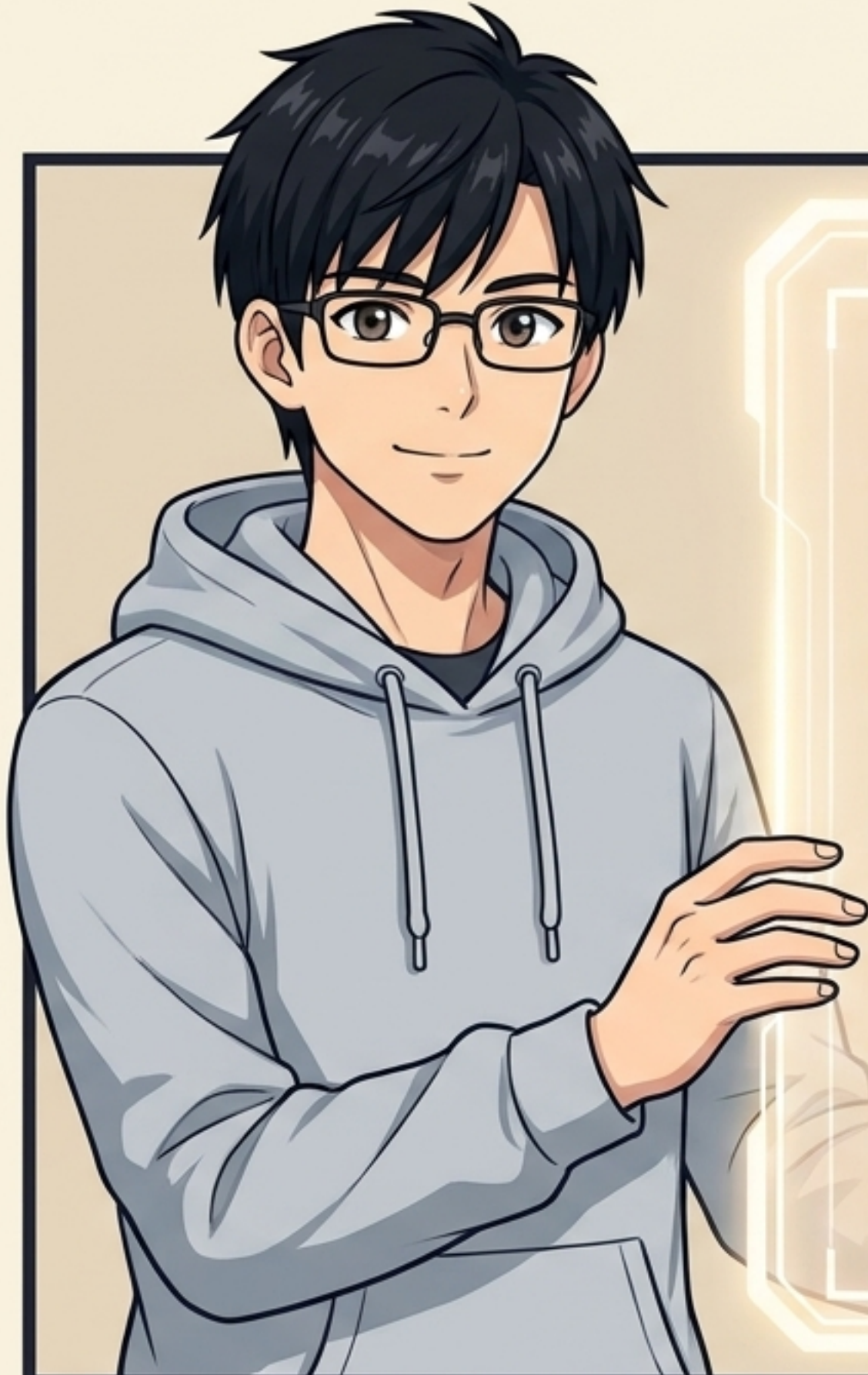
かえりました  
ようです！

Wait! Don't use  
Polite 'ました' form  
before ようです!  
Verbs **MUST** be in  
Plain Form!

Correction Box

○ たなかさんは もう かえった ようです  
(It seems Tanaka-san went home).

# Cheat Sheet



**Structure:** Verb (Plain Form) + ようです。

**Meaning:** It seems that [Verb] / It appears that [Verb].

**Basis:** Objective evidence, visual clues, or sensory observation.

**Golden Rule:** Always use Plain Form before ようです  
(Never ます/ました)!

**Examples:**

ふっている ようです (It seems to be raining)

かえった ようです (It seems [they] went home)