

Causative Form Conjugation
(使役形・第1グループ)

Group 1 Causative (ら-verbs) + ~せる

Make / Let someone do [Verb]

Let's master the
Causative Form!



THE CONCEPT: ADDING THE "DIAMOND OF AUTHORITY"

MAKING OR LETTING SOMEONE PERFORM AN ACTION



NORMAL ACTION

(Like an empty box — just an action happening naturally).



CAUSATIVE ACTION

(Adding the Diamond — Making or Letting someone do it).

Joy's Notes

- Use when forcing someone (Directive)
- Use when permitting someone (Permission)

A



スーパーで
おかしを
かってきて
ください。

B



けんさんは じょいさんを
スーパーに いかせます。
(Ken makes/lets Joy go to
the supermarket).

The Target: Living vs. Non-Living

LIVING
(Pulse)

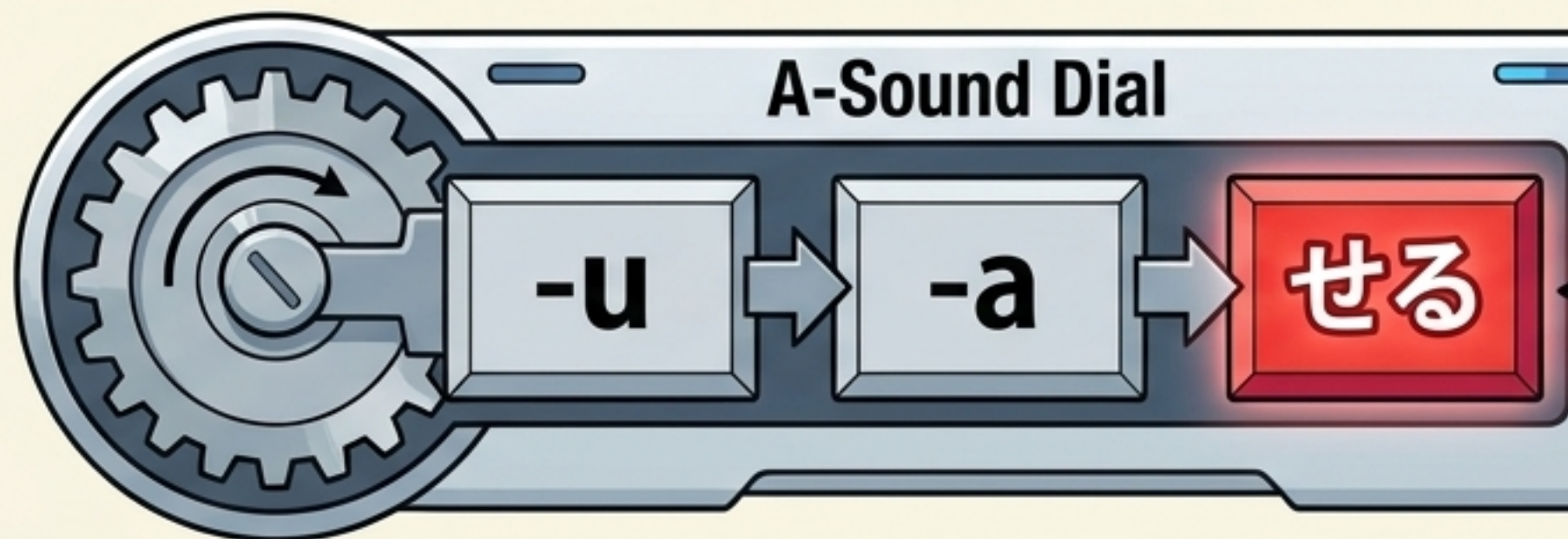


= Can be Made/Let to do things!

NON-LIVING
(Still)



= Cannot take causative!

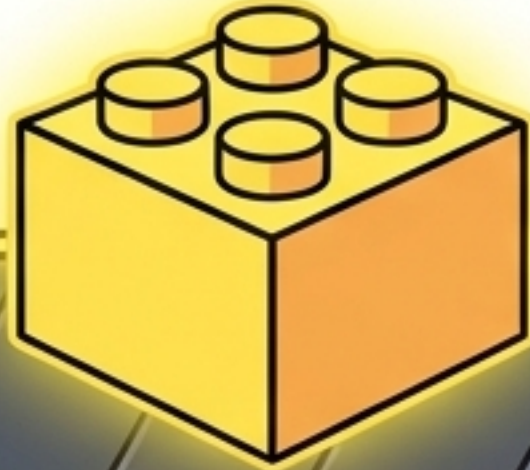


Change final **-u** sound to **-a** sound + せる

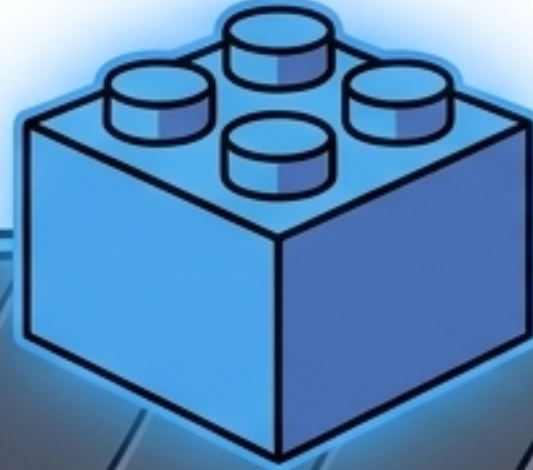
いく (iku) → いか + せる
のむ (nomu) → のま + せる
まつ (matsu) → また + せる

The Assembly Line: Building the Sentence

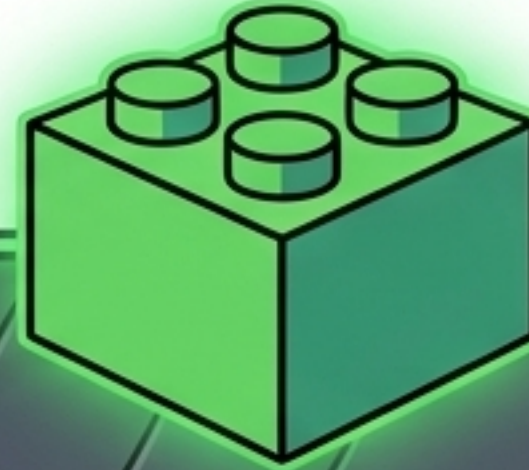
せんせいは
(The teacher)



がくせいに
(To the students)



ほんを
(Books)



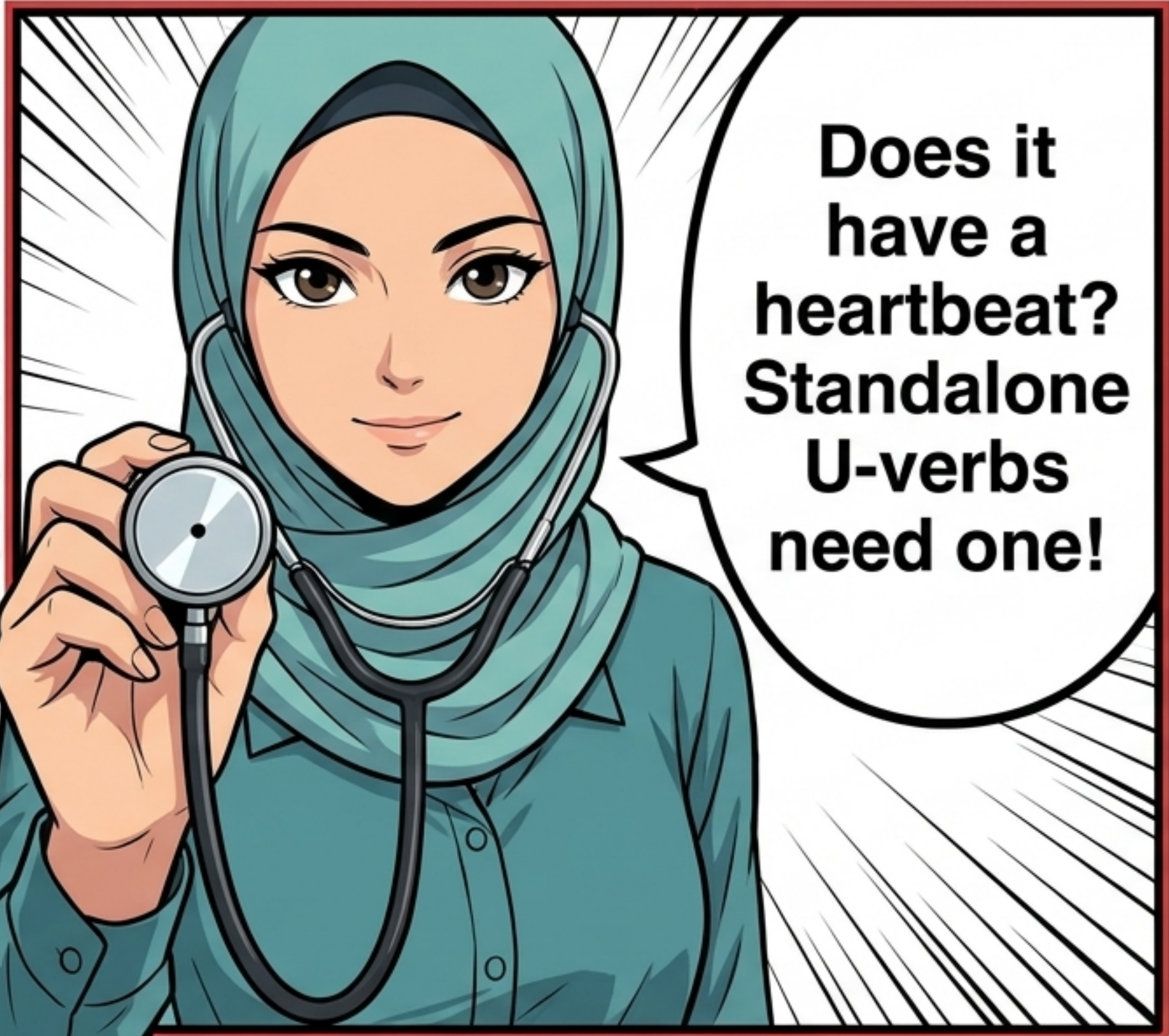
よませます
(Makes/lets them read)



せんせいは がくせいに ほんを よませます。

The teacher makes/lets the students read books.
(Note: The Director takes は, the Actor takes に!)

Raya's Hack: The Standalone -う Trap!

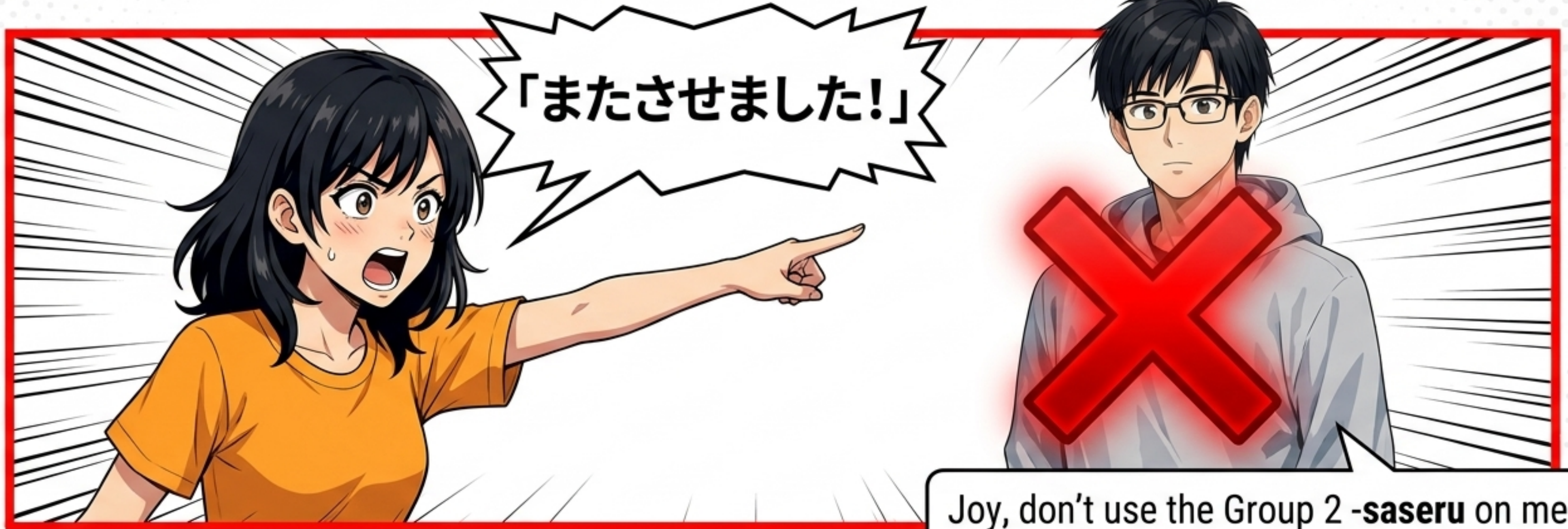


**Does it
have a
heartbeat?
Standalone
U-verbs
need one!**

**Verbs ending in
standalone -う
change to -わ + せる!**

かう → ✕ かあせる / ○ かわせる
あう → ✕ ああせる / ○ あわせる
いう → ✕ いあせる / ○ いわせる

Don't do this! The Group 2 Mix-Up



✗ Adding '-させる' to Group 1 Verbs



まつ → またせる
(To make/let someone wait)

→ またせました。

Group 1 Causative Cheat Sheet



Meaning: To make someone do [Verb] / To let someone do [Verb]

Conjugation: Group 1 Verb Dict Form → Final -u→-a + せる

Special Rule: Standalone -う→-わ + せる (かう → かわせる)

Politeness: Group 1 Causative becomes a Group 2 verb
(ikaseru → ikasemasu / ikaseta).

Examples:

いく → いかせる

のむ → のませる

まつ → またせる