

Contextual & Forward-Looking Condition

(dictionary
form)

+ **なら**

(If [you are going to] / If it's a case of...)

Verb (dictionary)

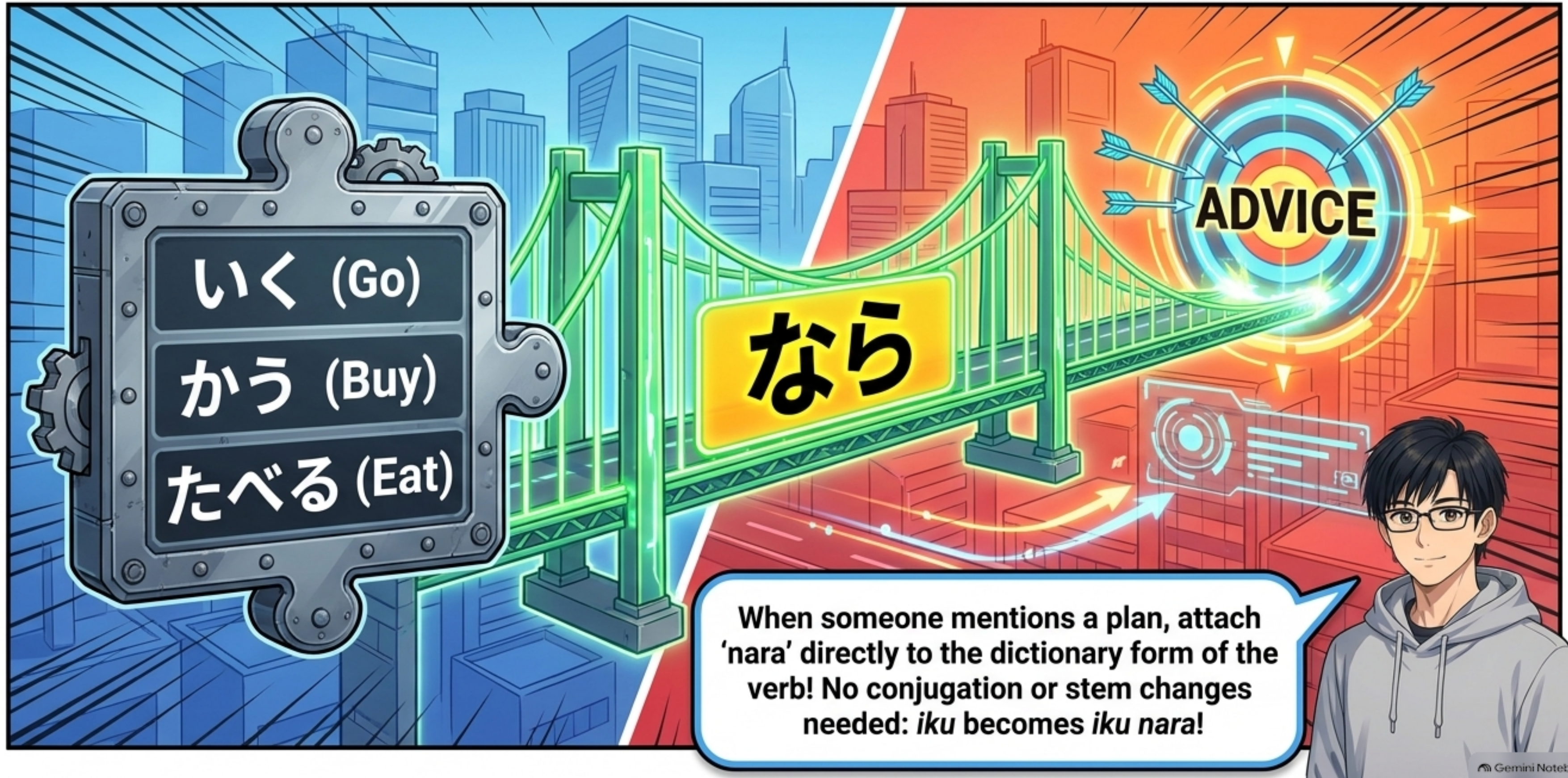
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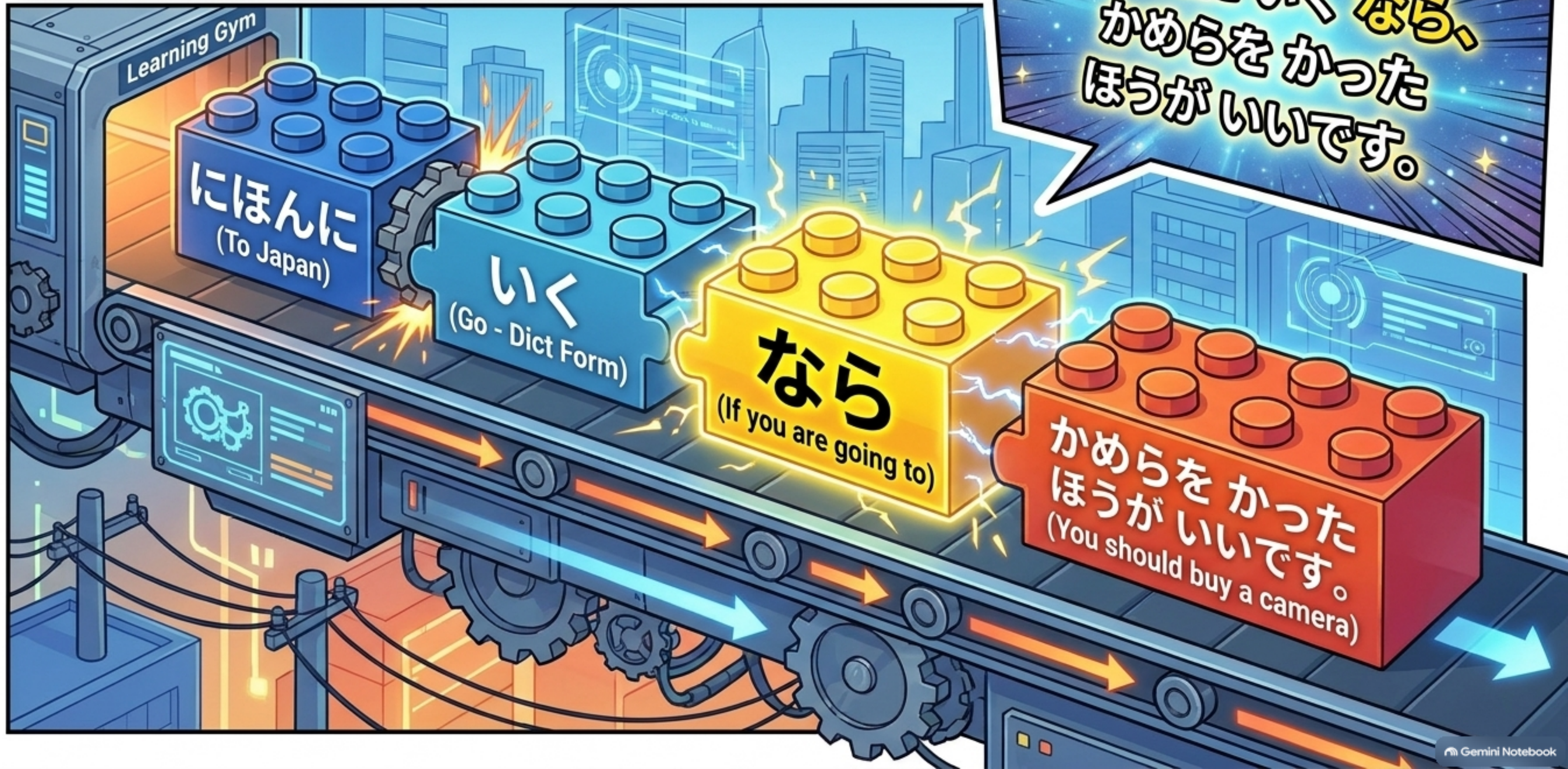
Giving Advice Based on Someone's Intentions



Verb (Dictionary Form) + なら



Building the Sentence Seamlessly



Raya's Hack: The Time Sequence Magic!

Raya's Master Hack:

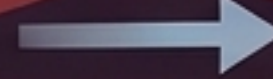
Unlike ~**tara**, with ~**nara**,
Action 2 happens
BEFORE Action 1!

You buy the camera
before going to Japan!

Comparison Matrix Timeline

~~~たら / tara~~

Action 1  
(Japan)



Action 2  
(Camera)

~なら / nara

Action 2  
(Camera)



Action 1  
(Japan)



Don't do this! (✗ いくだなら → ○ いくなら)

iku da なら...

Joy, wait! Never put 'da'  
between a verb and 'nara'!  
Only Nouns and  
Na-adjectives take 'da'.





# The なら (Nara) Cheat Sheet



Formula:

Verb (Dictionary Form) + なら

Meaning:

If [you are going to do Verb]

Sequence Rule: **Action 2** (Advice) happens before **Action 1**

Connection:

Direct attachment  
(Never put だ between verb and なら)

Examples:

いく なら

(If you're going to go)

かう なら

(If you're going to buy)

たべる なら

(If you're going to eat)