

Noun + や + Noun (+ など)

Giving Examples (Such as N1 and N2)



Non-Exhaustive
Listing of Nouns
(不完全列举)

Complete Lists vs. Example Lists



「りんごとみかんを かいしました。」

(I bought an apple and an orange -
ONLY these two).

In N5, we learned と (to) to
list items exhaustively. But when
you buy a lot of things and just
want to give a few examples,
use や (ya) between nouns!

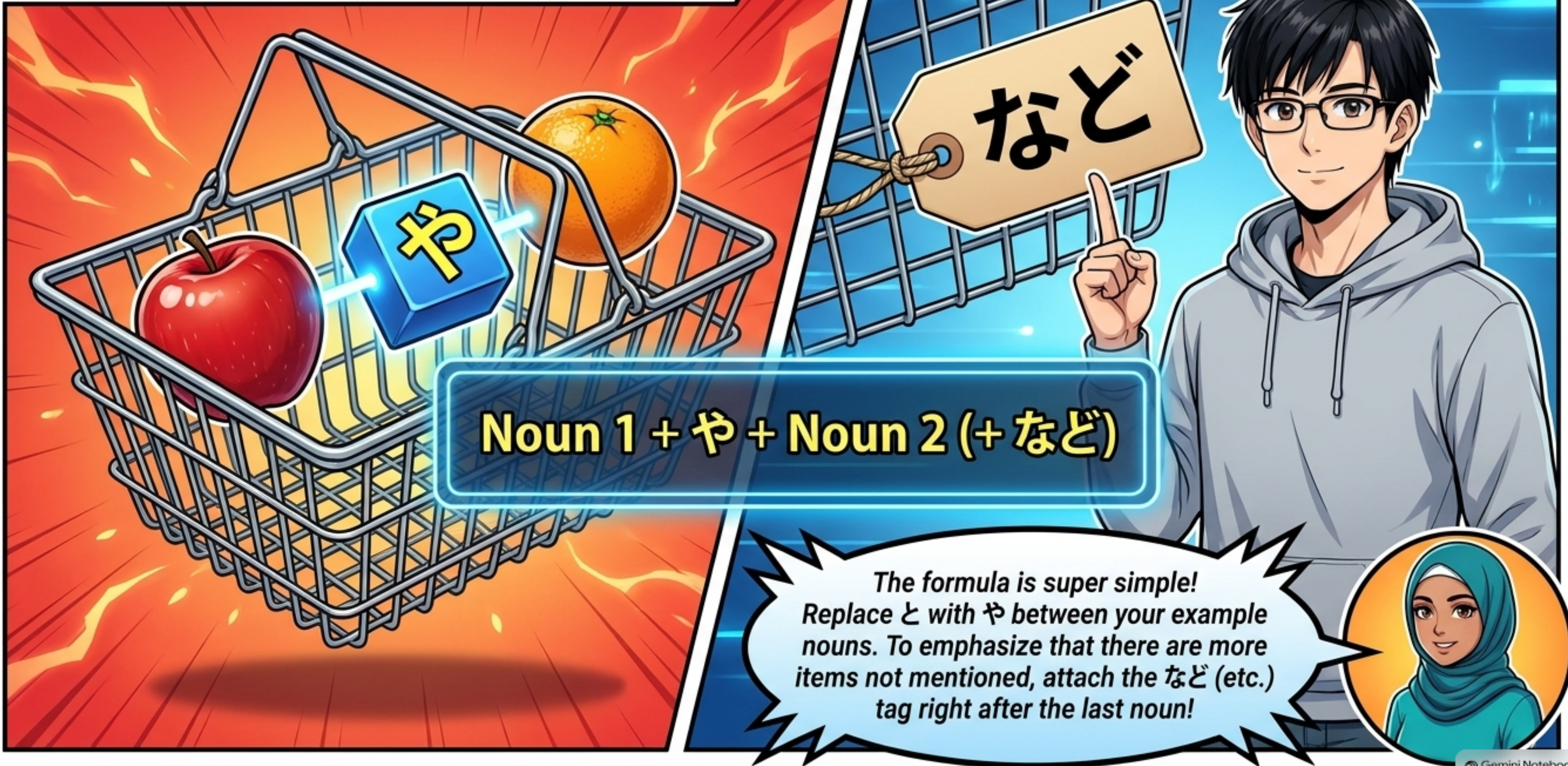
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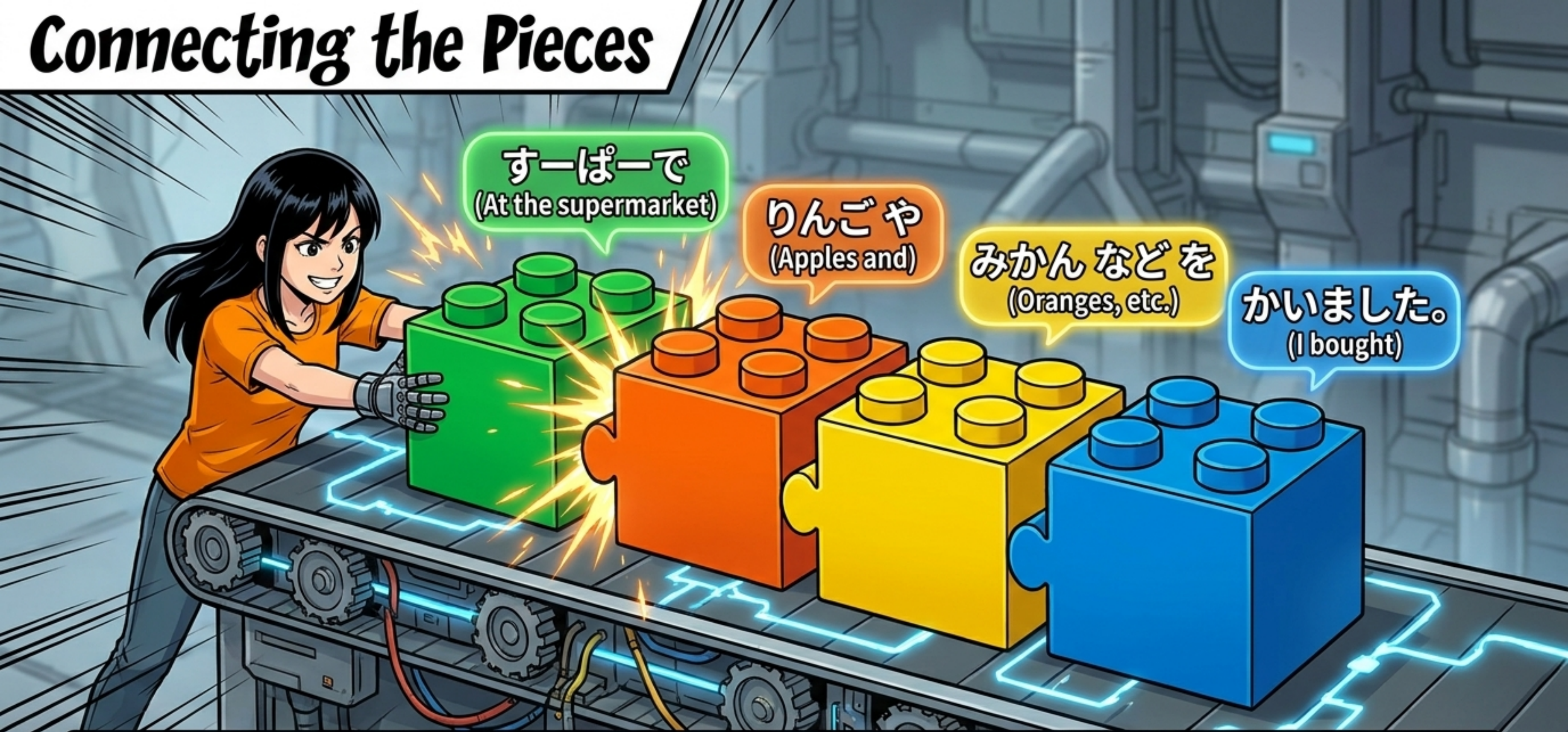
「りんごやみかんなどを
かいしました！」

(I bought apples, oranges, etc. -
giving examples among other items!).

The "Example Basket"

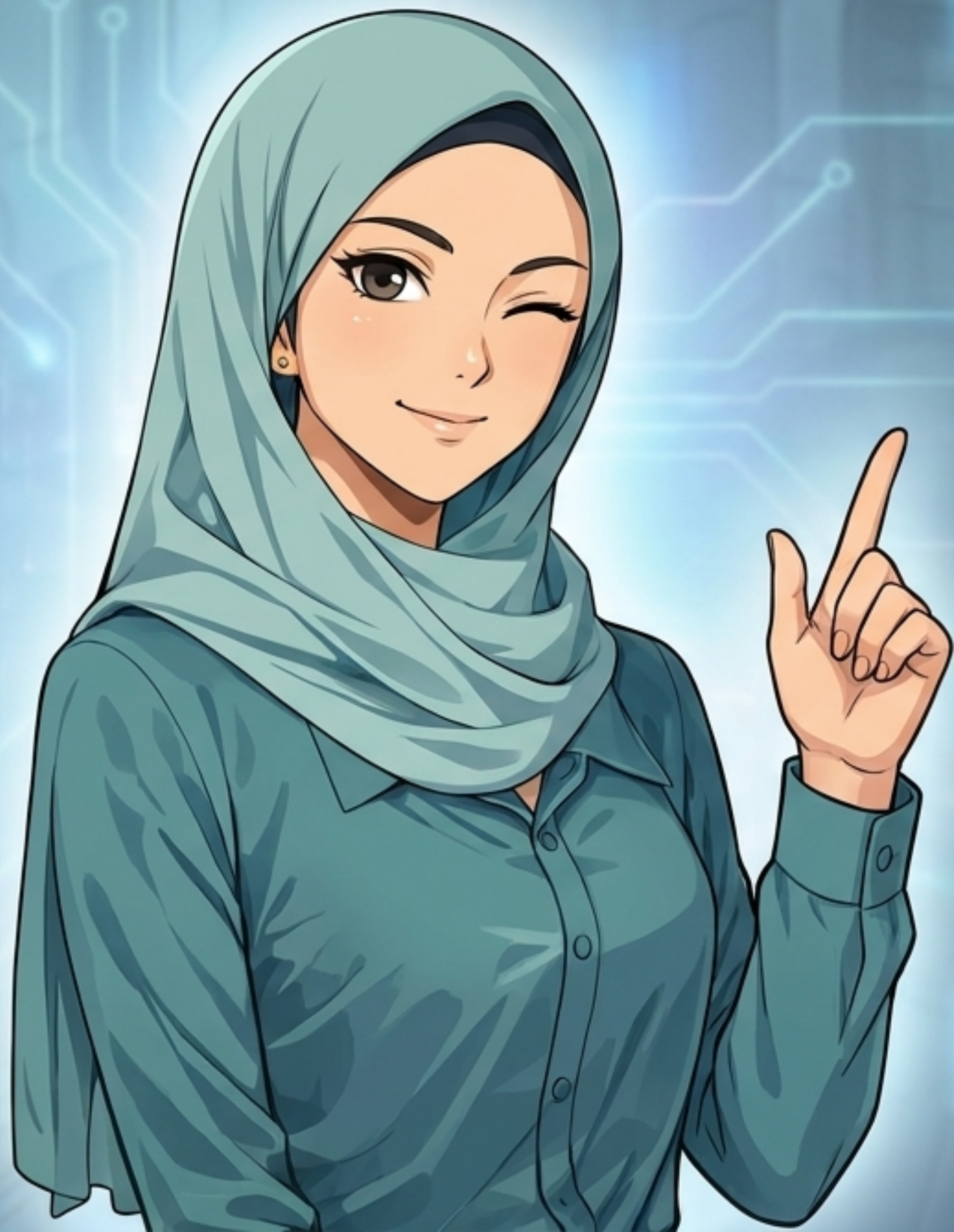


Connecting the Pieces



スーパーで りんごや みかんなどを かいました。

Raya's Master Hack!



と (Complete List) = Exact.

りんごとみかん

(Apples and oranges — EXACTLY and ONLY those two items).

や...など (Incomplete List) = Sample.

りんごやみかんなど

(Apples, oranges, etc. — Just two examples out of a larger set).

Don't Do This!

「りんごとみかん
などを!」



NEVER combine "と" (closed list)
with "など" (open list).

と means the list is closed.
など means the list is open.
They contradict! Replace と with や.

○りんごやみかんなどをかいました。

The N4 Grammar Cheat Sheet

