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| **-te form**  1. In a sequence of verbs  I studied and then went to bed.  Benkyō shite, nemashita.  2. Doing something over an extended period  I am studying history.  Rekishi wo benkyō shite imasu.  3. Polite requests  Please eat the vegetables.  Yasai wo tabete kudasai. | **-ta form**  1. Past tense (plain form)  We worked out at the park.  Koen de undō shita.  2. When (-ta toki)  When I went to Japan, I climbed Mt Fuji.  Nihon ni itta toki, Fujisan ni noborimashita.  3. Have experience (-ta koto ga arimasu)  I have climbed Mt Fuji.  Fujisan ni nobotta koto ga arimasu. |
| **-tara Conditional form**  If you got to Japan, you can eat sea urchin.  Nihon ni ittara, uni wo taberaremasu.  If it’s hot today can I have an ice cream?  Kyō atsukattara, アイスクリームwo taberaremasu ka. |  |