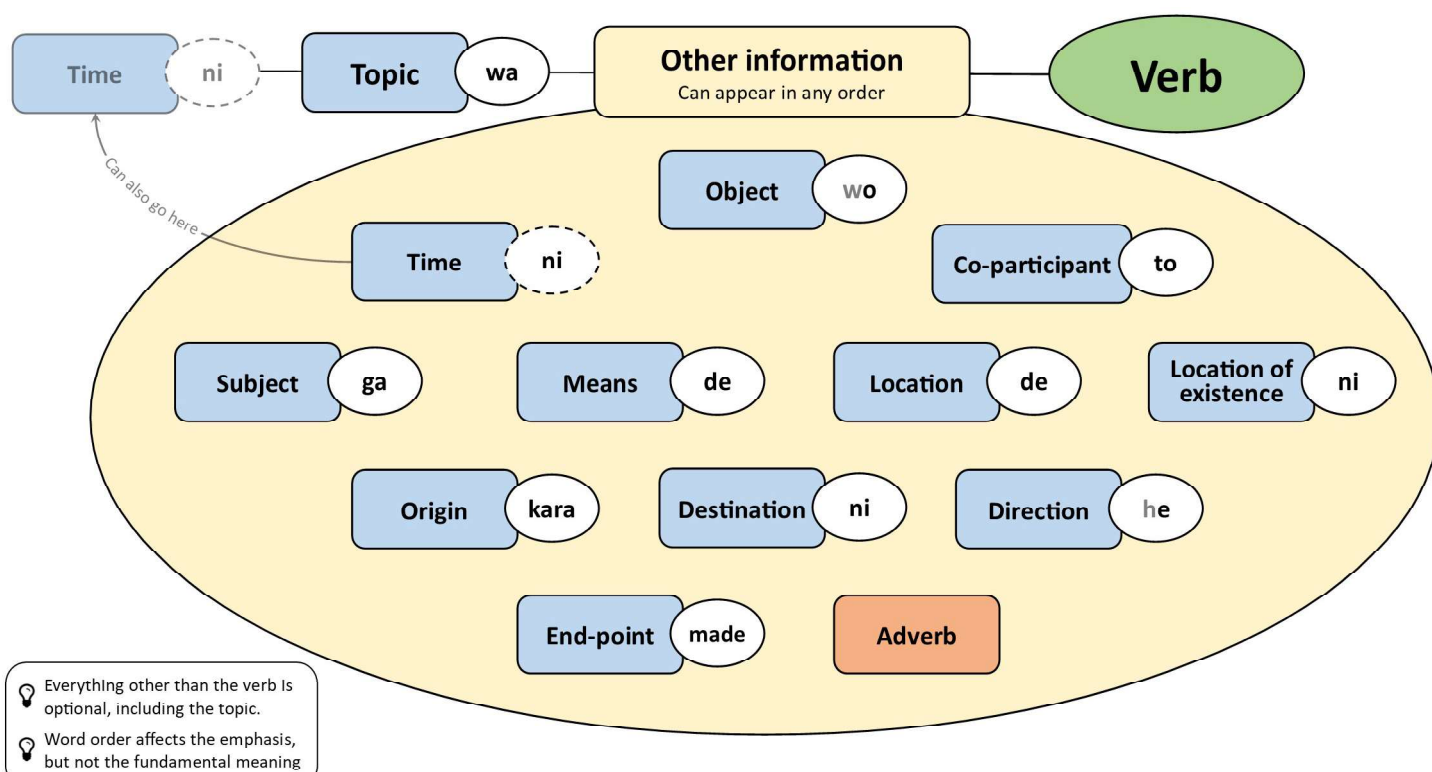


# The 80/20 JAPANESE Guide To Japanese Sentence Structure



## Confusing particle pairs

## Adverbs

<b>Topic (wa)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines topic of a <b>sentence</b></li> <li>Emphasises info <b>after</b> wa</li> <li>Clarifies context for what follows</li> </ul>	<b>Subject (ga)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines doer of the <b>action</b></li> <li>Emphasises info <b>before</b> ga</li> <li>Contains new or important info</li> </ul>	<b>Location (de)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines where action <b>takes place</b></li> <li>Used with verbs of action</li> </ul>	<b>Location of existence (ni)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines where something <b>is</b></li> <li>Used with verbs of existence (arimasu, imasu)</li> </ul>	<b>Adverb</b> <p>Includes:</p> <p><b>Regular descriptive adverbs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hayaku, tanoshiku</li> <li>shizuka ni, kirei ni*</li> </ul> <p><b>Time-related adverbs</b></p> <p><i>Frequency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mainichi, tokidoki</li> <li>ni jikan goto ni*</li> </ul> <p><i>Duration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ichi jikan, ni shūkan</li> <li>ichinenjū</li> </ul> <p>*Treat particle <i>ni</i> as part of the adverb, as it would not be an adverb without it.</p>
<b>Time (ni)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For points in time that occur repeatedly, eg. there are many Sundays, Januarys and 5 o'clocks</li> <li><b>Context</b> tells us which one is being referred to</li> </ul>	<b>Time (ni)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For time references that change depending on when 'now' is, eg. 'today', 'next week' and 'last year' are different depending on when they are said</li> </ul>	<b>Destination (ni)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines a <b>place</b> something is moving to</li> </ul> <p>A destination can also be a direction (eg. you can move in the direction of a place, such as 'home'), but a direction is not always a destination (eg. 'north' is not a place you can go to).</p>	<b>Direction (he)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines the <b>direction</b> something is moving in</li> </ul>	

## Examples

