

Verb (plain form) + そうです

I heard that... / They say that...
(Hearsay & Reporting Information)



Passing On Information You Heard or Read



「あした あめが
ふります。」



「ニュースによると、あした あめが
ふる **そう**です。」



When you hear information from the news or a friend, it's like finding a valuable diamond.

To pass that diamond on to someone else, you attach '**SOU DESU**' to the plain form of the verb!

Verb Plain Form + そうです

THE ACTIVE STATE



THE LIFELESS STATE



**The verb must stay
ALIVE (Plain Form)
to carry the news!**

The rule is simple! Keep the verb in its natural, living '**Plain/Short Form**' (Present, Past, or Negative) and attach '**SOU DESU**'.



Sentence Build Assembly



ニュースによると、あした あめが ふる そうです。
(According to the news, I heard it will rain tomorrow.)

Raya's Hack

Does it have a heartbeat?

This is one of the biggest traps on the JLPT!

- Plain Form + そうです = Hearsay ('I heard it will rain' - It has a pulse!)
- Masu-stem + そうです = Visual impression ('It looks like it's going to rain' - Just a visual look.)

Don't confuse furu sou desu with furi sou desu!

Don't do this!

✗ Using Polite 'ます'
Form before そうです

「きます そうです!」



Joy, don't use polite forms like **kimasu** before **sou desu**! You treat the sentence like a rigid object! You **MUST** keep the verb natural:
○ **たなかさんは くる そうです** (I heard Tanaka-san is coming).

The Hearsay Cheat Sheet



Structure: Verb Plain Form + **そうです。**

Meaning: I heard that [Verb] / They say that [Verb].

Source Partner: ～によると (According to...).

Trap Warning: Plain Form = Hearsay (furu sou).
Masu-stem = Visual conjecture (furi sou).

Examples:

- くる **そうです** (I heard [he] will come)
- けっこんした **そうです** (I heard [they] got married).