

い-adjective + そうです

(I heard that... / They say that...)

Hearsay &
Reported Quality
(伝聞・情報伝達)



Reporting a QUALITY or STATE You Heard/Read About



This ramen is
very delicious!
「この ラーメンは とても
おいしいです。」



「この ラーメンは
おいしい
そうです!」
(I heard this ramen
is delicious!)



Attach '**sou desu**' to report qualities,
prices, or conditions from a review
or something someone told you!



The rule is simple!
Keep the plain form—
do NOT drop the trailing
“い”—and attach
“sou desu” directly.

い-adjective (Plain Form) + そうです

おいしい
(Plain Form)

い

そうです

Learning Gym

れびゅー
によると

(According to the
review,)

CLICK!

この
おみせ

(This shop)

は

(This shop)

SNAP!

おいしい

(Delicious - Plain I-adj)

そうです。

(I heard that)

CLICK!

CONNECT!

れびゅーによると、この おみせは
おいしい そうです。

(According to the review, I heard this shop is delicious.)

This is the ultimate
N4 trap! Keep the 'i' for
what you HEARD. Drop the
'i' for what you SEE
right now!

Raya's Hack: Keep “い” vs. Drop “い”



Keep い
おいしい
そうです

= **Hearsay**
("I heard it's delicious")



Drop い
おいし
そうです

= **Visual Look**
("It looks delicious")

Don't do this! ✖
Dropping the “い” when
reporting hearsay

「たかそう
です!」



Joy!
Takasou desu means
'It looks expensive'!
Since you read it in a book,
you **MUST** keep the 'い':

○ あの ほてるは
たかい そうです



Cheat Sheet

Structure: い-adjective (Plain Form) + そうです。

Meaning: I heard that [I-adj] / They say it is [I-adj].

Golden Rule: Keep the trailing い (おいしい そうです, たかい そうです)!

Golden Distinction:

- **Keep い** = Hearsay (おいしいそうです - I heard it's delicious).
- **Drop い** = Visual Conjecture (おいしそうです - It looks delicious).