

い-adjective + そうです

Hearsay & Reported Quality
(I heard that... / They say that...)

Reporting information
you read or heard.



Reporting a *QUALITY* You Heard About

「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!」

Just like we learned in N4-G-064 for verbs, you can attach 'sou desu' to an い-adjective to report a quality you read in a review or heard from a friend!



The Direct Quality Snap

The rule is simple!
Keep the い-adjective in its Plain Form.
Do NOT drop the trailing “い”.
Snap it directly to the
megaphone!



い-adjective (Plain Form) + そうです

Sentence Assembly Line



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.)

Raya's Hack: The Ultimate JLPT Trap

Watch out!
This is one of the
most tested grammar
points on the JLPT N4.
Keep the "い" for
what you **HEARD**.
Drop the "い" for
what you **SEE**!

おいしい
そうです



Hearsay
("I heard it's
delicious.")

おいし
そうです



**Visual
Conjecture**
("It looks
delicious.")

Don't do this! X

「あの
ほてるは
たかそう
です！」



Wait, Joy!
Takasou desu (dropped
"い") means 'It LOOKS
expensive' based on your
visual impression. Since you
are reading it in a book,
you are reporting hearsay!

❌ あの ほてるは **たかい** そうです (I heard that hotel is expensive).

Grammar Cheat Sheet

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

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

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
- Drop い = Visual Conjecture (おいし そうです - It

