

ね vs でしょ

-Ask for affirmation "Right?"

-Seeking agreement. Works just like ね but more pushy. More expectant of a direct answer.

-"Told ya, right?" "Didn't I tell you, right?"

ね	でしょ	だろう (Sounds masculine)
きれいだね。How beautiful.	このカップがかわいいでしょ？ Isn't this cup cute? (I know this cup is cute and I want you to agree)	いいだろう？ うらやましい？ Are you jealous?
このカップがかわいいね？ This cup is cute, don't you think?	いいでしょ？ -It's great, isn't it? (Are you jealous?) When you want to show off something	-It's great, isn't it? (Are you jealous?) When you want to show off something
いいな。I'm jealous.	いいでしょ。It's nice, isn't it? (When you already established your opinion about something)	
	きれいでしょ。Isn't it beautiful? (Didn't I tell you?) (Sounds like you have experienced this before. I knew that this was going to be beautiful and sought agreement from the listener.)	

でしょ？ / だろ？ vs でしょ！ / だろ！

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—Rising intonation (Informal) "Right?"

—With exclamation mark (Informal) "You should know!"

ほら！ 言ったでしょ？ See, didn't I tell you? / I told you right?

手をはなせて言っただろ。 I told you, let go of my hand.

言っただろう？ Didn't I tell you? / I told you right?

これ持っているでしょ！ You know you already have this!

もう時間ないでしょ？ We don't have time anymore, right?

もう時間ないでしょ！ You know we don't have time anymore!

A. わあ、このすし、おいしい。Wow, this sushi is delicious.

ちがうでしょ！ You know that's wrong.

B. だろう？ Right?

A. あ、誰かぴあのひいている。聞こえるでしょ？ Oh, someone is playing piano. You can hear it, right?

B. 聞こえないよ。 I can't hear it.



でしょ? / だろ? vs でしょ! / だろ! (cont)

A. ゆうれいだ! It's a ghost!

Phrase + でしょう / でしょ

-When speculating something "Probably; I assume"

-Usually subjective

だろう can also be used in writing; thus, it is not inclusive to only used by males

明日は雨が降るでしょう。It will probably rain tomorrow.

VS

雨が降ります。It will rain. (Forecast does not use this as it sounds a lot more certain. Thus, でしょう is used.)

でしょう / だろう (FORMAL)

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A. この本を読むのに、どのくらいかかりますか? How long will it take to read this book?

B. その本は【薄い】うすいですから、1日で読めるでしょう。That book is thin so you can probably read it in a day.

でしょ / だろ (INFORMAL)

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A. あつし、ちゃんと時間どおりに来るかな。I wonder if Asushi will come on time like he's supposed to?

B. あいつのことだから、いつもどう理おくれるだろ。Since we are talking about her, she'll probably be late as usual.

でしょう vs 多分

"Probably" But たぶん cannot be used to speculate speaker's feelings

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-To speculate listener's thought or feelings

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何かくさい。。。おならしただろ。

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でしょう vs かな "I wonder"

なに / 誰 / いつ / どこ + だろう

-Question word plus だろう means the same as かな. Does not sound masculine at all.

なんでだろう。 I wonder why.

なんだろう。いつだろう。 I wonder what... I wonder when...

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"I wonder"

なんでかな。 I wonder why.

何かな。 I wonder what...

いつかな。

-Inquiring about something "How about..."

Formal (Standard)

Business formal

Semi- Formal (A little feminine)

んですが "How is it, what do you think?" -Formal

どうですか。

いかがでしょうか。 "How is it?"
"How about it?"

いかがでしょ? -Sounds playful,
polite but friendly at the same time

たいちょうはどうですか。
How's your health?

お飲み物はいかがですか。 How
about / Would you like
something to drink?

お飲み物はいかがでしょうか。
How about / Would you like
something to drink?

本当にぬすんだんでしょうか。 I
wonder if he really stole it... (What
do you think?)

この色はどうですか。 How
about this color?

ほんとうに盗んだんでしょうか。 I
wonder if he really stole it.

お茶でもどうですか。 How
about / Would you like tea or
something?

どちら様でしょうか。 May I ask
with whom am I speaking?

なんですか。 What is it?

なんでしょうか。 What is it?

誰ですか? Who is it?

これはなんでしょうか。 (May I
ask you) what this is?



