

# Personal Observation and Hearsay そう Cheat Sheet by jennilee via cheatography.com/202026/cs/44828/

### Personal Observation and Hearsay

### PERSONAL OBSERVATION

"It seems like; It looks like..."

-Can only make personal observations about the present.

(Conjunctive form of Adj / Verb) + そうだ

#### **XX**DONTs: Cannot be used for Past Occurences

い-Adj:高い	高 + そうだ = 高そうだ。	"It seems like; It looks like it's expensive."
い-Adj-Neg:高くない	高く <del>ない</del> + なさそう = 高くなさそう	"It seems like; It looks like it's not expensive."
	OR 高 + そうではない = 高そうではない	
な-Adj:元気な	元気 + そうだ = 元気そうだ。	"It seems like; It looks like it's healthy."
な-Adj-Neg:	元気 + じゃなさそう = 元気じゃなさそう	"It seems like; It looks like he/she isn't well."
	OR 元気 + そうではない = 元気そうではない	
Verb:食べる	食べ <del>ます</del> + そうだ = 食べそうだ。	"It seems like; It looks like he/she will eat."
Verb-Neg: 食べない	食べ <del>ます</del> + そうにない = 食べそうにない。	"It seems like; It looks like he/she will not eat."
	食べ <del>ます</del> + そうもない = 食べそうもない。	
Verb-Neg : ない (ある)	<del>ない</del> + なさそう	
Noun:車	車 + のようだ = 車のようだ	"It seems like; It looks like a car."
Exemption: いい / よい	よ + さそう = 良さそう	"It seems like; It looks like it's good."

### **HEARSAY**

"I heard ...; According to ... "

-Statements based on secondhand information

□□□□Can make hearsay sentences in NONPAST and PAST

(Sentence Plain form) + そうだ

い-Adj:高い	高い + そうだ = 高いそうだ。	"I heard it's expensive."
な-Adj:元気な	元気 + だそうだ = 元気だそうだ。	"I heard it's healthy."
Verb:食べる	食べる + そうだ = 食べるだそうだ。	"I heard he/she will eat."
Noun:車	車 + だそうだ = 車だそうだ	"I heard it's a car."

### Verb/Adj + そうな + N (Noun-like)



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Personal Observation and Hearsay (cont)

Noun + のような + N (Noun-like)

DIFFERENCES	

## PERSONAL OBSERVATION **HEARSAY XX**DONTs: Cannot be used for Past Occurences WORDS OFTEN USED: (Person-Source of info) によると "According to" -When 75 is used in the past tense, the meaning changes to "I almost did something" in the past. -But this is only used when talking about yourself; not the other person. -If this is used with another person, the meaning remains the same as "It looked like he/she..." **VERB** → 雪が降る。It will snow 雪が降りそうです。 雪が降るそうです。 It looks like it will snow. I heard it will snow. **→** 【恵子ちゃん】けいこちゃんが泣く。 【恵子ちゃん】けいこちゃんが泣きそうです。 【恵子ちゃん】けいこちゃんが泣いたそうです。 It looks like Keiko will cry. I heard Keiko cried. ニュースによると、明日雨が降るそうです。 According to the news, it will rain tomorrow. 先生によると、【次郎くん】じろうくんは今日来ないそうです。 According to the teacher, Jirou isn't coming in today. U-ADJECTIVE → あの寿司は美味しいです。 That sushi is delicious. あの寿司は美味しそうです。 あの寿司は美味しいそうです。 That sushi looks delicious. I heard that sushi is delicious. → カナダは寒いです。Canada is cold. カナダは寒そうです。 カナダは寒いそうです。 Canada looks/seems cold. I heard that Canada is cold. な-ADJECTIVE → 東京は【賑やか】にぎやかだ。Tokyo is lively. 東京は【賑やか】にぎやかそうだ。 東京は【賑やか】にぎやかだそうだ。 Tokyo looks lively. I heard Tokyo is lively. → 試験は簡単です。The test is simple. 試験は簡単だったそうです。 試験は簡単そうです。 The test seems simple. I heard the test was simple. NOUN の ようだ → 彼は日本人だ。He is Japanese. 彼は日本人のようだ。 彼は日本人だそうだ。 He seems Japanese. I heard he is Japanese. → これは【お餅】おもちです。This is a rice cake.





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### DIFFERENCES (cont)

これは【お餅】おもちのようです。

これは【お餅】おもちだそうです。

This is like a rice cake.

I heard this is a rice cake.

### **NEGATIVE OBSERVATION / HEARSAY**

### **NEGATIVE PERSONAL OBSERVATION**

**NEGATIVE HEARSAY** 

U-ADJECTIVE

くない + なさそう

OR くそうではない

田中さんは忙しくなさそうです。

田中さんは忙しそうではありません。

Ms Tanaka doesn't seem busy.

な-ADJECTIVE

<del>な</del>-Adj + じゃなさそう

<del>な</del>-Adj + そうではない

【次郎くん】じろうくんは元気じゃなさそう。

Jiro doesn't seem well.

VERB "Seem to NOT DO ...; Deesn't seem to do ... "

V<del>-ます</del> + そうにない

V-<del>ます</del> + そうもない

愛子さんは本を読みそうもない。

OR 愛子さんは本を読みそうにない。

It seems that Aiko won't read the book.

VERB ない (ある)

【箱】はこの中には何もなさそうです。

There seems to be nothing inside the box.

### Verb/Adj + そうな + N (Noun-like)

-Adjective to describe Nouns

!□!□When -そう is added with な = そうな, it will act like a な-adjective and we can describe nouns using this construction.

**VERB** 

ぴさの【斜塔】しゃとうは【倒れる】たおれそうな形をしています。

The Leaning Tower of Pisa has a shape like it will topple.

U-ADJECTIVE

わあ、美味しそうなケーキ!

Wow, that;s a delicious looking cake.

### な-ADJECTIVE

静かそうな【隼人町】はやとちょう葉山の【近く】ちかくにあります。

Quiet-looking Hayato Town is near the mountain.

### Noun + のような + N (Noun-like)

フェラーリのような車は高そうです。

Cars like the Ferrari seems expensive.



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