

もんだ / もんだ common knowledge

Formation:

Verb (present plain)	+ もんだ / もんだ
Verb (ない form)	+ もんじゃない
い- Adj	+ もものではありません
な- Adj	

Usages:

1.1 Used when you state a common/popular belief or general knowledge/common sense/当たり前. Statement is objective.

【吸血鬼】きゆうけつきにんにくが【嫌い】きらいなもんだ。Vampires hate garlic. (Lit. It is a popular belief that Vampires hate garlic.)

1.2 "Should; Supposed to; must; ought to..." Stating a fact. Something that normally/generally happens.

人は【完璧】かんぺきじゃないもんだ。(It's well-known that) people aren't perfect.

生き物はいつか死ぬもんだ。Living things are supposed to eventually die.

時間の【無駄】むだだから、人の【悪口】わるぐちを言うもんじゃない。It's a waste of time so you shouldn't badmouth others.

【悪い】わるいことをしたら、【謝る】あやまるもんだ。If you do something bad, you are supposed to apologize.

✖✖Normally, we do not put a verb-past in front of もんじゃない with the meaning of "Normally; to be supposed to". But there's a popular expression that says 「人生捨てたもんじゃない。」 Life isn't so bad (shouldn't be thrown away).

1.3 Indicates surprise (positive or negative). Does not matter if it's in the present or past tense. This is not very common. よく + ね (I can't believe) is much more common in spoken language.

【驚いた】おどろいたもんだ。I'm so surprised.

VS

【驚いた】おどろいた。I'm so surprised. (Sounds the same but もんだ sounds formal)

よく20時間も寝られるね。(よく + ね : I can't believe) How can you sleep as much as 20 hours?

1.4 V-たもの "Used to..."

【家族】がぞくとよくここに来たもんだ。I used to come here often with my family.

Common Expression:

そんなもんだよ。It is what it is.

難しいものです。It's supposed to be difficult.

そういうもんだ。/ そんなもんだ。That's the way it is.

【人生】じんせいそんなもんだよ。That's life. / That's the way life is.



もんだ / もんだ common knowledge (cont)

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!□!□Note: べき is almost like a societal level "should". Like, if something is べき, it's cause it's the right thing to do. It's a little judgmental.

もんだ "Normally" "To be supposed to"

もんだ / もんだ "Normally" "To be supposed to..." "Generally speaking..."	はず "I expect; supposed to (do something)"	べきだ "Should; Supposed to; must; ought to..." / べきです	V-たほうがいい "You should..." "It's better to..."	V〜ない〜な ぎゃ "Must/have to"
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STATING FACTS (objective)	OWN EXPECTATION (subjective)	ADVICE (strong-society standard)	ADVICE (imposing)	"I MUST do.."
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-Not telling anyone to do anything or giving advice but just saying "it's a popular opinion"	-Indicates the expectation of the speaker (based on the speaker's belief or expectations)	-"Should/supposed to do" because that's the common sense and that's what the society expects from you so you feel like you HAVE to do it and it's the right thing to do (at least in your opinion)	-Used when you want to strongly recommend something to someone.	-Gives a feeling that it is an obligation. Like you have to do it because others expect us to do.
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-It's like giving strong advice "It would be better if..." same with V-たほうがいい but stronger.	-Used when you want to talk about common sense (It's better to eat veggies, etc.) -よ particle is used at the end of the sentence to emphasize suggestion	-The speaker must fulfill their obligations under the laws, social norms, etc.
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もんだ "Normally" "To be supposed to" (cont)

【お年寄り】おとしよりに-	ネズミ【年】どしなら、22歳	【借りた】かりたら、	毎日やさいを食べ	もう一度。ちゃんと言わ
【席】せきを【譲る】ゆずも	のはずだね。If you were born	【返す】かえすべきだ。If	た方がいい。It's	なぎゃ。I have to say it
のだ。You should give up	in the year of the rat, you must	you borrow something,	better to eat	once again and do it
your seat to the elderly.	be 22 years old.	you should return it.	veggies everyday.	right (this time).
(You are not telling anyone to	知っているはず。You should	電車で行ったほう	行かなぎゃいけないと思	
do anything. You are just	know. / I'm sure you know it.	がいい。It's	う。I think I have to go.	
giving a statement)		better to go by	(Lit. I think it won't go	
		train.	well if I don't go.)	

【借りた】かりたら、【返す】かえすもんだ。If you borrow something, you are supposed to return it.

V-た 【もんだ】 "Used to" nostalgia

Words used often: 昔は、子供の時、よく、Adverb of frequency

V-た 【もんだ】 "Used to V..."

(Adv of frequency) + ... Vたっけ? "Used to V..."

□□ DONTs: It's not used with something you've only done once.

□□□□ Adding よく/毎日/毎週 (adv of frequency) in your sentence also adds that nostalgic feeling because if this is not added, it will sound like you just can't remember it and just trying to recall something (V-たっけ?)

"Used to V" PAST TENSE

-Used to recall something from the past

-Expresses nostalgia. -Speaker used to do something often in the past and you do not do it anymore

-Talk about the past and get that feeling of nostalgia "We used to..."



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V-た 【もんだ】 "Used to" nostalgia (cont)

子供の時、森に虫を【捕まえ】つかまえ行ったもんだ。When I was a kid, I used to catch mosquitoes in the woods.	✕ 昨日何食べたっけ？ What did I eat yesterday? (I can't remember) (trying to recall something)
子供の時、森に虫を【捕まえ】つかまえ行ったもんだ。When I was a kid, I used to catch mosquitoes in the woods.	よく家族とここに来たっけ。 I used to come here often with my family. (You have to sound confident to sound nostalgic.)
【家族】かぞくとよくここに来たもんだ。 I used to come here often with my family.	VS
よくウォークマンを聞いてたもんだ。 I used to often listen to my Walkman.	家族とここに来たっけ？ Did I come here with my family?
	【毎週末】まいしゅうまつ家族とバーベキューしてたっけ。 I used to have barbecues with my family every weekends.

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Vocabs:

祖父】そふ: grandfather (formal)

【田んぼ】たんぼ: rice field

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