**Sō desu…/Sō da… (I’ve heard that)**

The structure depends on what goes before sō desu/da:

**Verb** *plain form + sō desu/da*

**ジョンさんはＵＫへ行くそうです。**

John-san wa UK e iku sō desu.

**i-adjective** *adjective + sō desu/da*

**試験は難しいそうだ。**

Shiken wa muzukashii sō da.

**na adjective** *adjective da + sō desu/da*

**ジョンさんはとても真面目だそうです。**

John san wa totemo majime da sō desu.

**noun** *noun da + sō desu/da*

**あの人はイギリス人だそうです。**

Ano hito wa Igirisu-jin da sō desu.

**Using the negative form**

Present/Future

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| Polite | | Plain/Dictionary | |
| Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative |
| tabemasu | tabemasen | taberu | tabenai |
| arukimasu | arukimasen | aruku | arukanai |
| ikimasu | ikimasen | iku | ikanai |
| kimasu | kimasen | kuru | konai |

Past

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Polite | | Plain/Dictionary | |
| Positive | Negative | Positive | Negative |
| tabemashita | tabemasen deshita | tabeta | tabenakatta |
| arukimashita | arukimasen deshita | aruita | arukanakatta |
| ikimashita | ikimasen deshita | itta | ikanakatta |
| kimashita | kimasen deshita | kita | konakatta |