

REFERENCE E-BOOK

Constructions in present-day English

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Summer section

Brexit / Huxit / Nexit / Oexit / Swexit / Regrexit - constructions

"**Brexecuted**", "Tory Day of Treachery" and "The Real Game of Thrones" - a dramatic twist in the Conservative Party leadership contest demands headlines and front pages to match - and Friday's newspapers duly deliver.

"Mr Gove was accused of treachery and of presiding over an 'orchestrated plot' to destroy his fellow **Brexit**er."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-the-papers-36679970>
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Foreign diplomats say that despite such rhetoric, a "**Huxit**", or Hungarian exit from the EU, still seems unlikely.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-eu-hungary-orban-idUSKCN0ZH54H>
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Will Dutch follow Brexit with Nexit or stick to EU?

And yet, "**Nexit**" is by no means inevitable.

Most recent polls suggest a slight majority of voters oppose the idea of an in-out Nexit vote.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36722915>
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Although latest polls give him a lead over Mr Van der Bellen, a Gallup poll of 600 Austrians suggested 60% opposed any referendum and only 30% favoured an "Oexit"

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36747304>

Dutch anti-immigration politician Geert Wilders said the Netherlands deserved a "Nexit" vote while Italy's Northern League said: "Now it's our turn".

The EU worries Brexit could reverse 70 years of European integration.

The Brexit vote sends screaming alarm bells, warning that the EU in its current form isn't working.

The anti-immigration Sweden Democrats wrote on Twitter that "now we wait for swexit!"

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36615879>
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regrexit-constructions

A Twitter user came up with a new coinage for this rapid form of buyer's remorse:

Regrexit.

When some of those leave voters see that Brexit has not brought back the good jobs of old, that housing is still in desperately short supply and that a migrant family still lives round the corner, the Regrexit sentiment will grow.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/jun/25/48-britain-regrexit-voted-remain>

each is/are -constructions

These groups were then showed two dossiers. Each of these dossiers were impressive.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-36744911>

e-cigarette - constructions

Give e-cigs to smokers, say doctors

Smokers should be offered and encouraged to use e-cigarettes to help them quit

The Royal College of Physicians says there is resounding evidence that e-cigarettes are "much safer" than smoking and aid quitting.

It says fears that e-cigarettes are a gateway to smoking are unfounded.

But, by and large, people who want to use **electronic cigarettes** will still need to buy them rather than get them on the NHS.

UK doctors can only prescribe **e-cigarettes** if they have been licensed as a "quit smoking aid".

Sales of **e-cigarettes** have been rising steadily since the first went on sale in 2007 in the UK.

Around one in 20 adults in England uses **e-cigarettes**, and nearly all of these are ex-smokers or current smokers who are trying to cut down or quit.

And in terms of long-term health hazards, **e-cigarettes** are at least 95% safer than regular cigarettes.

E-cigarettes are extremely positive for public health and should be "encouraged and endorsed.

E-cigarettes have very little downside and a lot of potential benefit.

New EU laws are due to come into force in May that will set safety and quality standards for all **e-cigarettes** and refills.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-36139618>

fish -constructions

"We used to get between \$700 (£540) and \$1,400 worth of fish a day,"

But now, because of the increase in illegal fishing, there are fewer fish," he says angrily.

There's no fish in the zone we normally fish in."

More than a third of all fish caught in the region is illegal,

It is the only country in Africa banned from exporting fish to Europe

Head of the Artisanal Fisheries Union, grabs a silver fish about the size of his forearm from the back of a refrigerator truck

This is the most prized fish in Asia;

The fish is now classified as endangered and has reportedly disappeared from Chinese seas because of overfishing

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-36734578>

group is/ are - constructions

Consider an experiment, where two **groups** were recruited. One group was adamantly in favour of capital punishment. They had strong feelings on the issue, and had publicly backed the policy. The other group were adamantly against, horrified by "state-sanctioned murder".

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-36744911>

part -constructions

Old alliances may crumble as new ones are forged. This is not about the Westminster leadership elections. They are part of it, but only a part.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36723220>

strike /stoppage / dispute / walkout – constructions

Hospitals are braced for first all-out doctors' **strike**.

Junior doctors will **walk out** of both routine and emergency care.

Maternity and intensive care have been hit in the long-running **dispute**.

The situation will be monitored closely during **the stoppage**.

Further **all-out strike action** is due to take place on Wednesday.

Patients are being urged to think carefully about how they use the NHS during **the strike**.

Clearly **industrial action** of this type can put significant pressure on the NHS.

The majority of the public still backed junior doctors, although support was not as high since it became **an all-out stoppage**.

Asked whether they supported junior doctors striking 57% said they would and 26% said they were opposed.

The last time the public was asked was ahead of the 48-hour walkout in March.

The dispute is about working hours and pay.

The strike comes after last-minute pleas from medical leaders, patient groups and opposition MPs for both sides to get back round the negotiating table.

It seems wrong that there is a big strike in the offing, more possible strikes to come, no strategy for ending this dispute, no negotiations going on.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt **described the strikes** as "extreme" and warned they would be "deeply worrying for patients".

But BMA junior doctor leader Dr Johann Malawana said if Mr Hunt had scrapped his plan to impose the contract the union would not have taken this action.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-36134103>

Suppositional mood?

I could not recommend that Boris was prime minister.

He said it was possible for the winning candidate to be someone who backed Remain but suggested they would be taken less seriously in EU negotiations as a result.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36696908>

There be - constructions

Even then, there will need to be a huge debate as to what the UK is seeking.

There will continue to be free trade and access to the single market."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-uk-leaves-the-eu-36650142>

1. LINGUISTIC SECTION

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ARTICLES

Paraguay-constructions

Dry weather is forecast for the Brazil-Uruguay border region in the next few days, but in Paraguay and Argentina water levels are still expected to rise.

The Paraguay river in the capital Asuncion, is only 30cm (12in) away from overtopping its banks. Officials warn this could lead to widespread flooding in the area.

And it could also affect thousands of other people who live by the Paraguay - the country's main river - the authorities said (BBC 27.12.2015).

The Gambia / in Gambia / the River Gambia-constructions

Travellers between north and south Senegal are currently being forced to take a 10-hour detour because of a trade dispute between Senegal and The Gambia, an Anglophone enclave which sticks into the heart of its much larger, French-speaking neighbour.

The Gambia, colonised by the British, is a thin sliver of land either side of the eponymous river, surrounded on three sides by Senegal.

And the tiny Gambia is always keen to remind its much larger neighbour of its independence.

Travellers and lorries are driving all the way round The Gambia, via Tambacounda.

The levy they have to pay to cross The Gambia was increased 100 times.

Among those hardest-hit by the border closure are those transporting goods into The Gambia and desperately waiting for it to reopen.

Another man says he has been waiting to take material to his building site in Gambia for more than a month.

There is a line of trucks parked on one side of the road, just a few metres from the border, waiting to cross into The Gambia.

The closure of the border has caused price increases and a shortage of cooking gas and other basic commodities in Gambia

The foundation stone was laid for a long-mooted bridge across the River Gambia in order to significantly reduce journey times

But many in Senegal suspect Gambia's President Yahya Jammeh does not really want the bridge

Police / the police-constructions

Police in Benbrook said Kholodenko, 29, is not considered a suspect in the deaths of his daughters.

Babcock told a news conference the police do not see any immediate threat to the community.

Police previously said there were no signs of forced entry into the home.

Police said the children had not been stabbed.

Police were called to this residence twice in 2014 for undisclosed reasons.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-texas-murder-idUSKCN0WK1WI>

DEICTICS

Now-constructions: emphatic function

Appositional: What has fuelled the sense of crisis is the suspicion - now widely held - that the German establishment is not telling the truth (BBC 11.01.2015).

Attributive: Besieged by reporters the morning after his now famous Commons speech, Hilary drew attention away from the politics, and the gaping wound of Labour division (BBC 6.12.2005)

Objective: In particular, President Obama emphasized the importance now of Russia playing a constructive role by ceasing its air campaign against moderate opposition forces in Syria," the White House said in a statement.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-idUSKCN0VN0MA>

Predicative:

And Russian holiday firms cannot now sell trips to Turkey (BBC 8.12.2005)

The broadcaster has now admitted it was a "clear misjudgement" and says that since then, it has been "overwhelmed with hate and anger" (BBC 11.01.2015).

Relations between Russia and the West have been deteriorating steadily over the past decade, but the language used is now being taken to new levels.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35708114>

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Concerned about calls in their own countries to now hold referendums on EU membership, Europe's leaders have rushed to make statements about "listening to the people".

Matteo Renzi, for example now describes Brexit as a great opportunity for Europe to make "long-needed" changes.

We now know, from Chilcot, what the consequences were.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-36640007>

I watched him in Chicago in April 1999 talking about a new world order in a now-famous speech, a rookie prime minister

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36746453>

INFINITIVE

Constructions with continuous infinitive

But now some fear the same tactic could be being used in Germany, possibly to keep Chancellor Angela Merkel on the back-foot.

www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35424648

MISTRANSLATIONS

But the documents on which this and the other accusations are based have roused suspicion, not least because they contain mistakes in English commonly made by Russian speakers.

"Navalny is the most suitable candidate **for the future political leader**," reads one.

Another says funds "will be transferred to our trustee from Moscow Helsinki Group until January 26th". **Such incorrect use of "until" instead of "by"** is common among Russian speakers.

One reference to Mr Putin in January 2008 as the "**acting president** of the Russian Federation" appears to be another mistranslation from the Russian, where in English the word "**serving**" or "**current**" would be expected.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36027752>

NUMBER

Advice_n / advise_v

The best **advice** ever, from the mothers of the world.

We went to question and answer site, Quora, for some of the best pieces of advice from the world's wise and long-suffering mums.

She grew up "before the world wide web was invented. ('The horror!')" her parents' favourite piece of advice was, 'Go look it up.'

When she was a little girl her mother advised her that if you want to find out whether a person is really nice or not, "observe the way that person treats salesclerks, waiters, and other people in service professions who can't defend themselves."

www.bbc.com/capital/story/20160129-heres-proof-that-mum-really-did-know-best

OBLIQUE MOODS

Constructions with Suppositional Mood?

But the concluding statement insisted that he and his team must have no part in Syria's future, and that they must leave power at the start of the transition period which all the main outside powers agree should begin six months into the process under a new Governing Body (BBC 12.12.2015).

The opinion is that Mr. Putin has started this active move exactly for two reasons: one, to show in the home market, in the home stage that he is still a world leader the other will be reckoning with; and the other one is to shift attention from Ukraine and make sure that he goes back into the world leaders' club (BBC 28.09.2015).

PREPOSITIONS

On-board- constructions

"I was on board of this yacht at the end of March 2002, in Amsterdam. And there was a representative of Mr Abramovich... He said that Roman is the owner of this yacht" ('Putin is corrupt' says US Treasury. BBC 25.01.2016)

SUBJECT AND PREDICATE

Agreement between subject and predicate

Subject in the singular

Also, needed equipment, such as respiratory devices or surgical masks, are in short supply - or are misused (23.01.2016).

Phrasal subject

"The level of the rivers plus the level of rainfall has created an unprecedented effect, and so some very serious flooding," Cameron said (BBC 24.01.2016).

*The number-constructions

And the number of fatalities, which has surged in the last week, is a cause for worry.

"The number of cases of sickness are growing, and very many young people have fallen ill."

The number of physicians recommending to their patients to be immunized is extremely low (BBC 23.01.2016).

TENSES

Sequence of tenses

State investigators are looking into the cause of the blaze, which broke out on Saturday evening, and said arson has not been ruled out.

www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35454891

Britain and France said a peace deal could only be reached if Moscow stops bombing insurgents other than Islamic State.

A senior French diplomat said it would be Moscow's fault if it kept bombing and the peace process failed: "The Russians said they will continue bombing the terrorists

www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-agreement-idUSKCN0VK2NT

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said that if the peace plan fails, more foreign troops could enter the conflict.

www.reuters.com/article/mideast-crisis-syria-agreement-idUSKCN0VK2NX

Speaking to local news agency RFE/RL the 32-year-old said that she is thinking of her family members in current-day Crimea when she sings 1944.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-35630395>

WORD ORDER

At the heart of the problem lies a health system that requires major re-structuring and is rife with corruption (BBC 23.01.2016).

There also is concern over rising unemployment as Beijing seeks to gradually shift its economy from overdependence on manufacturing and industry towards more services and consumer spending.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-35723198>

2. THEMATIC SECTION

Education

Student campaign / movement / protests / demands

There is another reason that such disputes will continue - and that's because they are part of a much bigger international **student movement**, fighting over symbols, statues and language.

The Rhodes Must Fall campaign at Oxford follows the Rhodes Must Fall **student campaign** in South Africa.

And the **student protesters** are often winning.

This week, Amherst College in Massachusetts **accepted student demands** and agreed to stop any links with Jeffery Amherst, an 18th Century general, accused of advocating deliberately infecting native Americans with smallpox.

Earlier in this academic year, the president of the University of Missouri resigned amid **student protests** over the handling of racist incidents on campus

www.bbc.com/news/education-35441074

Finances

debt- constructions

Many Chinese businesses **hold debt** in dollars and **managing those debts** with a severely weakened yuan could cause problems and some companies to fail

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-35516054>

Migrant / refugee crisis

Cap-constructions

Austria has decided **to cap** the number of asylum seekers it will accept in 2016, at 37,500.

All the time, the pressure grows on Mrs Merkel **to cap** the number Germany will accept. (www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35405896)

Plan B options under discussion by CSU leaders included **capping** asylum places in Germany this year at 200,000.

www.bbc.com/news/world-35414432

Merkel has resisted pressure from some conservatives **to cap the influx of refugees**, or to close Germany's borders.

www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-germany-refugees-idUSKCN0V80IH

Flee- constructions

“We’ve run out of food for days. When our house was bombed we had **to flee the city**. As we made our way out I saw dead bodies everywhere.” (BBC 28.09.2015)

These people are **fleeing for their lives** (BBC 28.09.2015).

Thousands of people **fled their homes** after clashes have erupted on the streets on Bangui (BBC 28.09.2015).

Migrant / refugee-constructions

An earlier version of this article incorrectly referred to Russians living in Germany as refugees. **Migrant** is a more accurate term.

blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2016/02/07/russia-having-success-in-hybrid-war-against-germany/

But there is another security dimension too, and that relates to the great wave of refugees, asylum seekers, call them what you will, that are battering on Europe's doors.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35638892>

Share-constructions

German leaders have repeatedly said migrants are a European problem, but that analysis is not universally shared.

The Germans, according to this narrative, provided the pull factor but are insisting others share the burden of dealing with the crisis.

The European Commission believed the answer lay in sharing out the refugees between countries.

There would be a compulsory sharing out of refugees across the EU - even though it has shown little evidence of this working so far.

www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35405896

Pressure – constructions

Pressure is growing on Greece to cooperate.

All the time, the pressure grows on Mrs Merkel to cap the number Germany will accept.

The pressure the German chancellor is under was reflected in the words of the German President Joachim Gauck.

www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35405896

Merkel has resisted pressure from some conservatives to cap the influx of refugees, or to close Germany's borders.

www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-germany-refugees-idUSKCN0V80IH

National belongingness

Afro-constructions

Afro-British student numbers are rising more slowly, and Afro-British scholars even more so

(John Lloyd. Quest to tear down statues over past racism is intellectually vapid. Reuters. January 21, 2016)

**Color-constructions*

Actors of color win big at SAG awards amid diversity furor.

Actors of color claimed a slew of wins amid a furor in Hollywood over the lack of on-screen diversity.

That is in stark contrast to the Oscars, where no actors of color are nominated this year for the industry's highest honors.

www.reuters.com/article/us-awards-sag-idUSKCN0V80K7

No such view among many students of color in Britain's most famed university.

The low representation of students of color in the student body, and even more among scholars.

(John Lloyd. Quest to tear down statues over past racism is intellectually vapid. Reuters. January 21, 2016).

Diversity-constructions

Many of the main awards in Los Angeles were won by **actors of diverse backgrounds**, with industry magazine Variety noting that "**diversity reigns**".

It comes amid controversy over a lack of diversity among Oscar nominees.

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to diverse TV," he said as he presented an award.

The series has earned praise for its diverse cast and willingness to address race issues.

"This is what we talk about when we talk about diversity."

www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-35453223

global / national citizen(ship)

People are increasingly identifying themselves as **global rather than national citizens**.

However, in Germany fewer people say they feel like global citizens now, compared with 2001.

More than half of those asked (56%) in emerging economies saw themselves first and foremost as global citizens rather than national citizens.

In these richer nations, the concept of global citizenship appears to have taken a serious hit after the financial crash of 2008.

In Germany, for example, only 30% of respondents see themselves as global citizens.

"Global citizenship" is a difficult concept to define and the poll left it open to those taking part to interpret.

Global citizenship might also be about ease of communication in an interconnected age.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-36139904>

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Minority-constructions

The success of **minority actors** drew most attention.

Since then, the organisation behind the awards has promised to double the number of female and minority members

www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-35453223

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national-constructions

In Ukraine, President Petro Poroshenko pardoned the two Russian nationals.

She said, pledging to do everything she could to free all Ukrainian nationals still being kept prisoner in Russia and in parts of Ukraine controlled by pro-Russian rebels.

The two pardoned Russian nationals flew to Moscow's Vnukovo airport on a specially chartered plane.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36378173>

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Non-whites-constructions

The absence of any non-whites in the four Oscar acting categories for the second year running has prompted discussion on diversity in Hollywood.

www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-35453223

New phenomena

Cat Day

These are the amazing things you can do in Japan **on Cat Day**.

Are you **a cat person**? If so, Japan is the place to be on 22 February because this is when Cat Day is celebrated.

What happens on **Cat Day**?

The event began in 1987 after an Executive Cat Day Committee polled **cat-lovers** across Japan and decided that February 22 should be **Cat Day**.

Other countries also have **days to celebrate cats**, but few marked with as much enthusiasm as Japan's.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-35628239>

glass-bottomed suspension bridge, or glass bridge

Glass bridge fever

Such **glass bridges** were often "**primarily a novelty**, built as visitor attractions rather than commuter bridges.

Architect Keith Brownlie, who **was involved in a glass bridge** for The London Science Museum, said that the appeal was "thrill".

But how safe are China's glass bridges

Part of a glass skywalk in Henan province's Yuntai Mountain Geological Park cracked.

But **glass bridge enthusiasts** remain undeterred.

"I still would not hesitate to visit other glass bridges soon," Ms Li admitted.

Where is the world's longest glass-bottomed walkway?

Read www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-35166208

robo-ship -constructions

U.S. Navy christens Sea Hunter robo-ship

Pentagon debuts **a self-guided ship** designed to track submarines and other ships around the globe without a human crew.

<http://www.reuters.com/video/2016/04/08/us-navy-christens-sea-hunter-robo-ship?videoId=368043109&videoChannel=118169>

Objects

Object-constructions

Wedding rings and any **other items of sentimental value** are exempt.

Objects of emotional value are never seized, the government says.

www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35408936

Phenomena

dye-constructions

A **dyeing** tradition.

Egypt's hard-currency crisis and competition from modern factories in Asia and at home threaten one of the last **dyeing workshops**.

"It is sick but **it won't die**".

The shop, which **dyes material** used for shirts and sheets and other goods, takes about three days to turn around the product.

His t-shirt, covered in **dye stains**, speaks volumes about the amount of work he puts in.

<https://widerimage.reuters.com/story/a-dyeing-tradition>

queue / line - constructions

US President Barack Obama has been accused of doing Downing Street's bidding - after he said the UK would be at "the back of the queue" for American trade deals if it left the EU

Leave campaigner Mr Farage drew attention to the US president's terminology, saying his use of the phrase "**back of the queue**" rather than the more common American vernacular "**back of the line**" suggested Mr Obama was doing the prime minister's "bidding".

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36117907>

People

careerist / career / conventional politician –anti-politician-constructions

Voters just don't seem to warm to **careerist politicians** who have devoted their working lives to politics,

In last year's Labour leadership contest, Jeremy Corbyn, another **anti-politician**, was the beneficiary of a weak and underperforming field of rivals, all of whom were **career politicians**.

However, as Trump and Corbyn demonstrate, there are limits to the appeal of protest candidates and **anti-politicians**.

Voters will ultimately opt for more **conventional politicians**

Self-styled **anti-politicians** - Sanders has successfully cast himself as an outsider, despite serving in Washington since 1991 - their unexpected success stems from their defiance of political convention and an authenticity, however idiosyncratic, that sets them apart from **conventional politicians**.

As Trump and Corbyn demonstrate, there are limits to the **appeal of protest candidates and anti-politicians**.

Politics may be broken, but **anti-politics** doesn't appear to offer a fix.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/election-us-2016-35933156>

public-construction

It is often said he has the advantage over his Western peers of not having to worry about **public opinion**.

Is anything about Western policy a reflection of **public opinion**?

The **publics** are as confused as their political masters.

www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-35539897

Secession

It succeeded in turning this election into a vote on whether this region should **break away from Spain**. And as the results came in, they claim they have won a mandate **to set a path towards independence** (BBC 28.09.2015).

The unrest escalated in March 2014 after Muslim overthrew the president and ceased power (BBC 28.09.2015).

#Town - constructions

Quedlinburg is a tumbling, medieval fairytale of a **town**.

Across **town**, in the wood-panelled grandeur of the **town hall**, the mayor of Quedlinburg views the regional elections as a test-run for Germany's general election next year.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35783148>

Travelling

alert-constructions

US state department officials have issued a travel alert for Europe, warning people about "terrorist attacks".

These kinds of travel alerts are routine.

"It's an alert - not a warning," says Dartmouth College's Daniel Benjamin, a former state department terrorism coordinator. "It's not at all unusual."

These kinds of alerts are issued on a regular basis, he says, as a way of telling US citizens to be careful when they visit other countries.

As the US officials explain in their travel alert, the European football championship will be held from 10 June - 10 July.

US officials often issue these kinds of alerts when they hear about potential threats.

With this alert, the information that's provided is rather vague.

She says that the travel alert issued by state department officials serves as yet another reminder that the problem of "domestic terrorism" is now part of Europe.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-36403960>

#Truce / ceasefire / armistice - constructions

The cessation of hostilities faces the task of pulling apart combatants that have been at each other's throats in years of bitter war. A cessation of hostilities means that the combatants are willing to stop fighting and to restrain their forces.

Truces may well match the varying momentum of the fighting, and may relate only to certain localities rather than the whole battlefield.

A formal ceasefire is a negotiated agreement that will be accompanied by other associated commitments to de-escalate the fighting.

An armistice is a formal agreement by the combatants to end hostilities, with efforts to negotiate a lasting peace settlement following in its wake. An armistice is a legally binding agreement.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-35642639>

3. UK SECTION

Brexit-constructions

Brexit – the possibility of the UK leaving the EU – has everyone talking, in many different European languages.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35607230>

But the big worry among the elite is France. Front National leader Marine Le Pen says she would be proud to call herself "Madame Frexit".

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35648948>

A British exit from the EU would be a shock to the world economy - and if it's a shock to the world economy imagine what it would do to Britain

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35677385>

Older voters are more likely to favour Brexit and more likely to vote.

Tory voters are more evenly divided than supporters of any other party, being 55%-45% in favour of Brexit.

www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-35524844

in / out-constructions

In the great and emerging debate about whether Britain should be in or out of Europe, the "ins" already have their script but there is one narrative they fear.

The plan of those who favour staying in the EU will be to focus on the economy, to demand from the "outs" what the British economy would look like outside the EU.

This is not to say that the ins and outs fit neatly into these camps.

Most regions divide fairly evenly for In and Out.

So in the UK, the Out campaigns will base much of their appeal on promising to regain control of borders, of trade, of sovereignty.

www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-35524844

The UK is not in the euro, but very important for the single market.

The conviction is that with the UK in, the EU will be stronger. That's more important than jobs and benefits.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35608464>

The outcome of the UK's in-out EU referendum has been mentioned among global risks to the world economy.

But in The Times, Mr Johnson stated categorically: "Out is out".

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35677385>

known /unknown_ - constructions

There is a known known: On 23 June voters in the UK will decide whether to remain in the European Union or leave.

There are known unknowns: If Britain votes to leave the EU what terms of exit would Britain get?

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35670906>

"This isn't some adventurous journey into the unknown, with all the humour attached to it, this is deadly serious."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35677385>

pro-EU-constructions

Under-30s are most pro-EU but least likely to vote.

University graduates, a high-turnout group, are solidly pro-EU.

www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-35524844

4. UKRAINE SECTION

Chernobyl-constructions

Chernobyl's legacy 30 years on

Children are still being born with severe birth defects and rare types of cancer in areas near to Chernobyl.

The desolate concrete graveyard of giant Soviet-era buildings in the deserted city adjacent to Chernobyl is a reminder of how, in the days following the accident, a whole community left their homes in a hurry and never returned.

Pripyat was a city built for Chernobyl's workers and their families.

But about 180 mainly elderly people still live within the 30km exclusion zone around Chernobyl.

It took the Soviet authorities several days to announce that something had happened at Chernobyl.

Valentina left the area briefly but soon returned to her home near Chernobyl.

Andrei Glukhov worked at Chernobyl and knew those in the control room of reactor four.

Chernobyl retains the unfortunate infamy of being known as the world's worst ever civil nuclear disaster.

Chernobyl remains the world's worst civil nuclear disaster.

Chernobyl continued to produce electricity for another 14 years, until international pressure forced its closure in 2000.

Chernobyl "had a phenomenal influence on public opinion and public and political acceptance" towards nuclear energy.

Chernobyl's last active reactor was shut down in 2000.

The question we all have is: could there ever be another Chernobyl?

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36115240>

#Events

Maidan-constructions

Alexej Dankwardt, a Leipzig city councilman, was kicked out of the Left Party caucus last month after writing on Facebook that he wished Merkel would be toppled in a "German Maidan".

blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2016/02/07/russia-having-success-in-hybrid-war-against-germany/

power cut constructions

Hackers caused power cut in western Ukraine – US

A power cut in western Ukraine last month was caused by a type of hacking known as "spear-phishing"

The attack caused a blackout for 80,000 customers of western Ukraine's Prykarpattyaoblenergo utility.

Experts have described the incident as the first known power outage caused by a cyber attack.

Russia has blamed pro-Ukraine saboteurs for the outages (BBC 23.01.2016).

referendum-constructions

Dutch to hold stormy referendum on EU-Ukraine deal.

The Netherlands will hold a controversial referendum next month on the EU's new partnership with Ukraine.

Supporters see it as a key step to draw Ukraine out of Russia's orbit but Eurosceptics say it goes too far, too fast.

Under a new Dutch law, more than 300,000 signatures are required to secure a referendum.

The referendum is not legally binding.

The referendum comes at a time of voter frustration.

Many of those in favour of the Ukraine deal say a vote against it will throw Russian President Vladimir Putin a propaganda victory.

If you're saying No to the [Ukraine] treaty you're supporting the people who downed flight MH17.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35786922>

reform - constructions

If there is no progress on Tuesday towards the creation of a stable **reform-minded government** there will be frustration in Berlin and Washington, and satisfaction in Moscow.

The Western-backed reform programme of the government has stalled in recent weeks.

Several **high-profile reformists** have left the government

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has threatened to withhold aid money if Ukraine does not carry out reforms.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36020548>

statue-cide-constructions

Ukraine commits statue-cide

Ukraine is going through its third bout of statue-cide in a century.

First it was **statues** of the tsars that were toppled and replaced with Soviet demi-gods.

Then, at the dawn of Ukrainian independence in 1991, most of the major Lenin statues came down.

The de-Leninisation job was carried out only patchily in central regions.

What will replaced the toppled Lenins?

There are still plenty of Ukrainian Lenins left though (BBC 24.02.2014).

Organizations

The attack caused a blackout for 80,000 customers of western Ukraine's Prykarpattyaoblenergo utility (BBC 12.01.2016).

People

politician- constructions

Parliamentary Speaker Volodymyr Groysman has been nominated by **President Petro Poroshenko's party** to replace Mr Yatsenyuk

Economy Minister Aivaras Abromavicius resigned more than two months ago.

Mr Yatsenyuk has been in office since former pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich was ousted during huge demonstrations in February 2014.

Mr Yatsenyuk accused Ukraine's politicians of failing to enact "real changes".

Two prominent MPs said on Monday evening.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36020548>

Territory

Chernobyl's exclusion zone - constructions

Chernobyl's eerie exclusion zone 30 years on

Thirty years after its fourth reactor exploded on 26 April 1986, an exclusion zone is still in place around the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine.

The exclusion zone, which extends for a radius of 30km (19 miles) around the plant, is monitored by police armed with AK-47s.

They have stayed there ever since, despite being inside the exclusion zone.

Visitors to the exclusion zone can measure changes in radiation and exposure to it with a dosimeter.

In all, 116,000 people were moved out of the area declared an exclusion zone.

Picking up discarded items in the exclusion zone is strictly prohibited, especially the gas masks used by workers known as "liquidators" in the aftermath of the disaster.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35824880>

Near-abroad

Now Russia is back. It is determined to defend its interests in both the near-abroad - Ukraine - and farther afield in Syria.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35578716>

Traditions

food-constructions

Tables will be bursting with traditional Olivier Salad (potato, chicken or sausage, eggs, carrots, cucumbers, mayonnaise) and Herring in a Fur Coat (herring with a layer of vegetables... and more mayonnaise) (BBC 27.12.2014).

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Ukrainian TV networks

Apparently Jamala's victory caught Ukrainian TV networks by surprise - even the news-based 5 Kanal is keeping quiet, same for Inter, One Plus One, Ukrayina and News One.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/live/entertainment-arts-36265482>