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***Constructions in present-day English***

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**Immediate constructions** (in bold type) are word combinations with the dependent units on the left and on the right.

Extended constructions (underlined in the examples) include the immediate constructions into an utterance or text.

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## 1. LINGUISTIC SECTION

### articles

The Italians, the French, the Dutch will, over the coming year, raise profound questions about the EU. Its fate will be a, perhaps the, central issue in their elections.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-38212049>

### Neither... nor

Neither Downing Street nor Foreign Secretary Mr Johnson have responded.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37467502>

## 3. UK SECTION

### Brexit street - constructions

The street that voted for Brexit: What happens next?

On Teesside, more than 60% of people voted to leave the EU in June's referendum.

Welcome to Brexit Street in Thornaby, near Middlesbrough.

Immigration is the topic that comes up time and time again when I talk to the people of Brexit Street.

While immigration is a dominant theme, it is certainly not the only one that Brexit Street's residents give as to why they voted out.

In his crowded, toy-strewn sitting room in Brexit Street, Peter, a stay-at-home dad, patiently unwraps a chocolate biscuit for his little boy.

She's lived on Brexit Street for 18 months now but knows no-one.

Peter tells me that, last year, swastikas appeared on the pavements of Brexit Street and racist graffiti was chalked on the walls.

Camille's asylum claim has been rejected and on Monday, she must hand in her front door keys and leave Brexit Street.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37306646>

Karen Allen: Africa's Brexit moment?

The threatened departure of one of the founding fathers of the world's first permanent war crimes court feels like Africa's Brexit moment.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-37750978>

### the Cameroons

**Cameron's** close allies, by contrast, remain vague political figures to all but the most conscientious observers. They have a catchy nickname: "**the Cameroons**."

**The Cameroons** occupy a suite of rooms across the road from the Houses of Parliament.

**The Cameroons** are also mostly men.

"It was incredibly draining," says **one Cameroon**.

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2007/mar/21/conservatives.uk>

Michael Gove tried to persuade **the Cameroons** to back Boris Johnson for the job.

**The Cameroons** were taken aback by her clearout of the Downing Street policy unit.

In the corridors of the Palace of Westminster, **the Cameroons** are debating how much they should resist.

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/2016/09/inside-david-camerons-personal-brexit/>

## 4. UKRAINE SECTION

### Chernobyl

His critics will see this as further proof that his campaign is in meltdown. But the broader fear is of a post-election political Chernobyl that will further contaminate an already poisonous system for decades to come.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/election-us-2016-37721790>

### Eurovision –constructions: agreement between subject and predicate

Host nation Ukraine are represented by rock group O Torvald and a thunderous song called Time that will have some viewers reaching for the Aspirin (other branded products available).

The band's five members are joined on stage by a giant metal head with spotlights for eyes that make it look like a massive Terminator.

The lyrics of the song call for time to "find a place without the violence" and "hear the true meaning of silence".

There's not much silence to be found in this three-minute headbanger - unless you press the mute button, that is.

Something tells me Ukraine really don't want all of us back next year.

### Khrushchovki - constructions

The three- to five-storey Soviet apartments are nicknamed "khrushchovki" after the former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

The khrushchovki were built by the thousands in the 1950s and 60s, during a housing crisis. They were often built with haste out of prefabricated concrete, and were only intended as a temporary solution.

Many are now in poor repair and require replacement.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-39915830>

### Maidan - constructions

Whether in **Maidan Square** in Kiev in 2013, Tahrir Square in Cairo in 2011 or Palace Square in Petrograd in 1917, the very idea of the people taking power into their hands is anathema to the Kremlin's ideologues.

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/2017/01/why-putins-russia-will-be-keeping-quiet-about-1917/>