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eventually constructed a huge business empire. □ The novel is constructed from a series of on-the-spot reports.

**construction** +○○ /kən'strʌkʃn/ (constructions)

**N-UNCOUNT** Construction is the building of things such as houses, factories, roads, and bridges. □ He'd already started construction on a hunting lodge. □ ...the downturn in the construction industry. □ Jim now works in construction. **N-UNCOUNT** The construction of something such as a vehicle or machine is the making of it. □ ...companies who have long experience in the construction of those types of equipment. **N-UNCOUNT** The construction of something such as a system is the creation of it. □ ...the construction of a just system of criminal justice.

**N-UNCOUNT** You use **construction** to refer to the structure of something and the way it has been built or made. □ The Shakers believed that furniture should be plain, simple, useful, practical, and of sound construction. **N-COUNT** You can refer to an object that has been built or made as a **construction**. □ ...an impressive steel and glass construction. **N-COUNT** A grammatical **construction** is a particular arrangement of words in a sentence, clause, or phrase. □ Avoid complex verbal constructions. → see **skyscraper**

**construction paper** **N-UNCOUNT** Construction paper is a type of stiff, colored paper that children use for drawing and for making things. [AM] □ ...a raggedy, three-legged animal cut out of brown construction paper.

**constructive** /kən'strʌktɪv/ **ADJ** A **constructive** discussion, comment, or approach is useful and helpful rather than negative and unhelpful. □ She welcomes constructive criticism. □ After their meeting, both men described the talks as frank, friendly and constructive.

**constructor** /kən'strʌktər/ (constructors) **N-COUNT** A racing car **constructor** or aircraft **constructor** is a company that builds cars or aircraft.

**construe** /kən'stri:/ (construes, construing, construed) **V-T** If something is **construed** in a particular way, its nature or meaning is interpreted in that way. [FORMAL] □ What may seem helpful behavior to you can be construed as interference by others. □ He may construe the approach as a hostile act.

**consul** /kən'sʊl/ (consuls) **N-COUNT; N-TITLE** A **consul** is an official who is sent by his or her government to live in a foreign city in order to help other citizens from his or her country who are in that foreign city. □ ...Stephanie Sweet, the British Consul in Tangier.

**consular** /kən'sʊlər/ **ADJ** **Consular** means involving or relating to a consul or the work of a consul. [ADJ N] □ U.S. Consular officials have visited the men, although they have not yet had access to lawyers.

**consulate** /kən'sʊlət/ (consulates) **N-COUNT** A **consulate** is the place where a consul works. □ ...the Canadian consulate in Seattle.

**consult** +○○ /kən'sʌlt/ (consults, consulting, consulted)

**V-T/V-I** If you **consult** an expert or someone senior to you or **consult with** them, you ask them for their opinion, advice, or permission. □ Consult your doctor about how much exercise you should get. □ He needed to consult with an attorney. **V-T** If you **consult** a book or a map, you look in it or look at it in order to find some information. □ Consult the chart on page 44 for the correct cooking times. **V-RECIP** If a person or group of people **consults with** other people or **consults** them, or if two people or groups **consult**, they talk and exchange ideas and opinions about what they might decide to do. □ After consulting with her daughter and manager she decided to take on the part, on her terms. □ The two countries will have to consult their allies.

**consultancy** /kən'sʌltənsi/ (consultancies) **N-COUNT** A **consultancy** is a company that gives expert advice on a particular subject. □ A survey of 57 hospitals by Newchurch, a consultancy, reveals striking improvements. **N-UNCOUNT** **Consultancy** is expert advice on a particular subject which a person or group is paid to provide to a company or organization. [mainly BRIT]

**consultant** +○○ /kən'sʌltənt/ (consultants) **N-COUNT** A **consultant** is a person who gives expert advice to a person or organization on a particular subject. □ She is a consultant to the government. **N-COUNT** A **consultant** is an experienced doctor

with a high position, who specializes in one area of medicine. [BRIT; AM usually specialist]

**consultation** /kən'sʌltetʃn/ (consultations) **N-VAR** A **consultation** is a meeting to discuss something. **Consultation** is discussion about something. □ Next week he'll be in Florida for consultations with President Vicente Fox. **N-VAR** A **consultation with** a doctor or other expert is a meeting with them to discuss a particular problem and get their advice. **Consultation** is the process of getting advice from a doctor or other expert. □ A personal diet plan is devised after a consultation with a nutritionist. **N-COUNT** A **consultation** is a meeting where several doctors discuss a patient and his or her condition and treatment. [AM] **consultative** /kən'sʌltətɪv/ **ADJ** A **consultative** committee or document gives advice or makes proposals about a particular problem or subject. □ ...the consultative committee on local government finance.

**consulting room** (consulting rooms) **N-COUNT** A **consulting room** is the same as a **doctor's office**. [BRIT]

**consumable** /kən'sʊməbəl/ (consumables) **ADJ** **Consumable** goods are items which are intended to be bought, used, and then replaced. □ ...demand for consumable articles. **N-COUNT** **Consumable** is also a noun. □ Suppliers add computer consumables, office equipment and furniture to their product range.

**Word Link** *sume = taking : assume, consume, presume*

**consume** /kən'sʊm/ (consumes, consuming, consumed) **V-T** If you **consume** something, you eat or drink it. [FORMAL] □ Martha would consume nearly a pound of cheese per day. **V-T** To **consume** an amount of fuel, energy, or time means to use it up. □ Some of the most efficient refrigerators consume 70 percent less electricity than traditional models. → see also **consuming**

**consumed** /kən'sʊmd/ **ADJ** If you are **consumed with** a feeling or idea, it affects you very strongly. [LITERARY] [V-link ADJ with/by n] □ They are consumed with jealousy at her success.

**consumer** +○○ /kən'sʊmər/ (consumers) **N-COUNT** A **consumer** is a person who buys things or uses services. □ ...claims that tobacco companies failed to warn consumers about the dangers of smoking. → see **advertising**

**consumer confidence** **N-UNCOUNT** If there is **consumer confidence**, people generally are willing to spend money and buy things. □ The Fed is keen to ensure that rising joblessness does not hit consumer confidence in the new year.

**consumer credit** **N-UNCOUNT** **Consumer credit** is money that is lent to people by organizations such as banks and stores so that they can buy things. □ New consumer credit fell to \$3.7 billion in August.

**consumer durable** (consumer durables) **N-COUNT** **Consumer durables** are goods which are expected to last a long time, and are bought infrequently. [BRIT, BUSINESS; AM durable goods]

**consumer goods** **N-PLURAL** **Consumer goods** are items bought by people for their own use, rather than by businesses. Compare **capital goods**. [BUSINESS] □ The choice of consumer goods available in local shops is small.

**consumerism** /kən'sʊmərɪzəm/ **N-UNCOUNT** **Consumerism** is the belief that it is good to buy and use a lot of goods. [oft supp N] □ They have clearly embraced Western consumerism. **N-UNCOUNT** **Consumerism** is the protection of the rights and interests of consumers.

**consumer price index** **N-SING** The **consumer price index** is an official measure of the rate of inflation within a country's economy. The abbreviation **CPI** is also used. [usu the N] □ In May the consumer price index fell by 1.1 per cent.

**consumer society** (consumer societies) **N-COUNT** You can use **consumer society** to refer to a society where people think that spending money on goods and services is very important. □ We live in a consumer society in which money is a massive preoccupation.

**consuming** /kən'sʊmɪŋ/ **ADJ** A **consuming** passion or interest is more important to you than anything else. □ He has developed a consuming passion for chess. → see also **consume**, **time-consuming**

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**acclaim** /ə'kleɪm/ (acclaims, acclaiming, acclaimed) ■ V-T If someone or something is acclaimed, they are praised enthusiastically. [FORMAL] [usu passive] □ The restaurant has been widely acclaimed for its excellent French cuisine. □ He was acclaimed as America's greatest filmmaker. ■ **acclaimed** Adj □ She has published six highly acclaimed novels. ■ N-UNCOUNT **Acclaim** is public praise for someone or something. [FORMAL] □ Angela Bassett has won critical acclaim for her excellent performance.

"Picture Dictionary" boxes illustrate vocabulary and concepts.



**Word Web: spice**

While researching the use of spices in cooking, scientists discovered that many of them have natural disease-prevention properties. Bacteria can grow quickly on food and cause a variety of serious illnesses in humans. The researchers found that many spices are extremely antibacterial. For example, garlic, onion, allspice, and vinegar kill almost all common germs. Cinnamon, tarragon, cumin, and chili peppers also eliminate about 75% of bacteria. And even common, everyday black pepper destroys about 90% of all microbes. The research also found a connection between hot climates and spicy food and cold climates and bland food.

"Word Webs" present related vocabulary within a context.

"Word Partnerships" show high-frequency word patterns.

**Word Partnership** Use trust with:

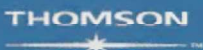
V. build trust, create trust, learn to trust, place trust in someone [3]

Adj. mutual trust [2], charitable trust [10]

N. trust your instincts, trust someone's judgment [6], investment trust [9]



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