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

construction +○○ /kənstrəktʃən/ (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 /kənstrəktɪv/ 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 /kənstrəktər/ (constructors) N-COUNT A racing car constructor or aircraft constructor is a company that builds cars or aircraft.

construe /kənstri/ (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 /kɒnsəl/ (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 /kɒnsələr/ 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 /kɒnsəleɪt/ (consulates) N-COUNT A consulate is the place where a consul works. □ ...the Canadian consulate in Seattle.

consult +○○ /kənsəlt/ (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 /kənsəltənsi/ (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 +○○ /kənsəltənt/ (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 /kənsəlteɪʃən/ (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 /kənsəlteɪv/ 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 /kənsʊməbəl/ (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 /kənsum/ (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 /kənsumd/ 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 +○○ /kənsumər/ (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 /kənsumərɪzəm/ ■ 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 /kənsumɪŋ/ 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 strong 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 oregano kill almost all common germs. Cinnamon, turmeric, 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.



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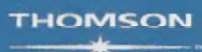
Word Partnership

Use **trust** with:

- V. build trust, create trust, learn to trust, place trust in someone [2]
- Adj. mutual trust [2], charitable trust [10]
- N. trust your instincts, trust someone's judgment [6], investment trust [9]



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