
NP_brutal, krank_ADJ or Mords-N: Intensification constructions as a construction family in the German FrameNet-Constructicon

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The German FrameNet-Constructicon contains around 600 constructions (form-meaning pairs of varying complexity, schematicity and idiomaticity), which are organised and arranged in a network structure. The constructional network is based on vertical and horizontal relations, which result in so-called construction families. Construction families in the German Constructicon comprise similar or derivable constructions on a formal and/or semantic level (cf. Ziem & Willich 2023). A prominent family in the German Constructicon is the family of intensifications: this large family currently consists of 40 constructions on three levels in 10 subfamilies.

The intensification family is captured in terms of meaning; the subfamilies are in turn organised formally or formally and semantically. For example, one subfamily includes 9 constructions with intensifying, postposed attributes (e.g. the construction NP_brutal [*Sparen brutal* lit. ‘saving brutal’] (cf. Mollica & Stumpf 2022)). Other subfamilies include constructions with preceding intensity particles (e.g. the construction krank_ADJ [*krank lustig* lit. ‘sick funny’]) or elative compounds such as Mords-N [*Mords-Spaß* lit. ‘murder-fun’] (see Uhmann 2015: 132ff.)).

This contribution discusses the handling of different types of partially or fully schematic intensification constructions in a shared family structure in the German FrameNet-Constructicon. Particularly relevant here is, on the one hand, the organisation within the sub-families and, on the other hand, the handling of different construction types under the common umbrella of intensifying semantics. In addition, the advantages and disadvantages of analysing constructions with shared formal and/or semantic properties in a shared network structure are illustrated.

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