

## THE [N[N]] TYPE OF NOUN PHRASES AND THE COMPETITION WITH OTHER SYNTACTIC CONSTRUCTIONS IN THE CONTEMPORARY BULGARIAN SPEECH PRACTICE

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**Abstract:** The aim of the research is to present the use of the noun phrases of [N[N]] type with the subordinate noun in preposition, which have been very popular in the last decades. The reasons for the spread of these constructions, as well as their contradictory interpretation are discussed. Some investigators consider that they are composita and therefore – a lexical phenomenon, but others (including the author) support the idea that they are noun phrases, i.e. syntactic constructions.

Special attention is paid to the presence of the active process of competition between the phrases of the investigated type and the others types of the noun phrases, which exist in the *usus* together, although sometimes they have a different connotation.

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