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The article studies suppletion for tense and mood in the Sanskrit verbs 'be', 'come', 'give', 'see' and 'run'. The author claims that it is the "inherent semantic defectiveness of the verb" that gives rise to suppletion. If, for example, a stative verb does not have the progressive form, it borrows it from the semantically closest lexical item. There is a parallel between the function of suppletion and periphrasis: "while the inflectional morphology and periphrasis are grammatical means, suppletion seems to originate as an accommodation between lexical expression of aspect by the verb roots and the available grammatical means".