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It is suggested that a periphrasis (*more liberal* etc.) should be called “suppletion” and cases like *good-better* should be called “preemption” since **gooder* “fails to establish itself in competition with *better*”. Indo-European material is analysed, mainly copulas and adjectives. Diachronic data are adduced to show that preemption may be conditioned by phonetic processes or lexical diversity or social reasons (ex. *Holland-Dutch*).