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The article provides the following definition of suppletion: "suppletion is the relationship between any two linguistic units A and B which meet the following condition: the semantic distinction between A and B is regular while the formal distinction between them is not regular, when the signifiants of the units A and B (understood as strings of phonemes) do not have a sufficiently large common part". "Owing to quantitative character of regularity the words regular and non-regular will hereafter be understood as 'lying above/below some threshold of regularity' (*set by the analyst*)".

Examples provided are from English, Spanish, Greek, Russian, Finnish, Georgian, Haida, Blakfoot, Creek. Both derivational and inflectional categories can be involved in suppletion but there are only Russian examples on derivational suppletion.