

Nicholson, John Greer. 1988. Correlative dependencies of a suppletive type in the East Slavic verbal paradigm. *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 30, part 1. 34-40.

The article investigates verbs in three languages (Russian, Ukrainian and Belorussian) pairs. The centre of the study are *body positioning* verbs – those of sitting, standing, lying, putting etc. The verbs of motion are excluded because they have been fully studied before. No formal definition of suppletion is used, so both pairs like *brat' / vzjat'* and *ronjat' / uronit'* are considered suppletive. The presence of suppletion is explained by closeness to the speaker: verbs that deal with human body positioning are prone to suppletion. The same explanation works for pairs like *lovit' / pojmat* and *govorit' / skazat'* because the former contains the `semantic component of 'hand seizing' and the latter is “connected with human utterances”.