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It is striking that both in Indo-European and non Indo-European languages suppletion is very often found in semantically equivalent lexemes. The author explains this phenomena through the notion of spatial boundary: “the crossing of a spatial boundary appears to be an important factor in the emergence of etymological suppletion”. As an argument, he gives examples of suppletive deictic pronouns in Spanish and Georgian and claims that Russian pair ‘brat’ – ‘vzjat’ is of the same semantic nature. Most of examples are on suppletion in degrees of adjectives and there is no semantic explanation what kind of boundary is crossed there.

Suppletion is found in both inflection and derivation but the author concentrates on inflectional suppletion. Aspect formation is considered to be an inflectional category without discussion.